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OF THE

SALEM MARINE SOCIETY,

WITH THE

SEVERAL ACTS OF GENERAL COURT RELAT-
ING TO THE SOCIETY, &c.,

AND A

LIST OF MEMBERS.

INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR 1766.
INCORPORATED IN THE YEAR 1772.

Where virtue reigns, the unfortunate find relief.

SALEM, MASS.:

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PREFACE.

The last edition of the Laws, &c., of the Salem Marine Society having become nearly exhausted, and the copy imperfect on account of additional membership, decease of old members, and changes in the By-Laws, it was deemed advisable that a revised edition should be printed; and in accordance with a vote of the Society at its annual meeting in November last, viz.: "that the Clerk under the direction of the Master and Deputy Master have the By-Laws, with such additional matter as they think desirable, printed," the following is now submitted:

Complying with the earnestly expressed wish of several members of the Society, the Committee in compiling this work, have deemed it expedient to annex an account of the centennial celebration of the Society, and some matters of record which it is thought may prove interesting and deserving of remembrance. In this latter, they are greatly indebted to the Hon. Charles W. Palfray, recently Collector of the Port, from whose valuable researches, as published in the *Salem Register*, this material is largely transcribed.

In the list of members, there is placed against each individual deceased, the time and place of his death, and his age at that time, as far as it has been practicable to find the same. This has been a laborious work, requiring much time, thought, and diligent inquiry, and has been accomplished through the energy and activity of Capt. William B. Bates, the clerk of

the Society, who merits great praise for the patience, industry and fidelity he has manifested in making these investigations.

An explanation of the discrepancy between the actual centennial and its time of celebration, seems proper in this place. All the *printed* records of the Society state that it was incorporated in 1771, and this delusion has been handed down for many years, and it was under this impression that the Society, acting upon a largely signed petition of its members, voted to celebrate in 1871, and it was not until the preparations had been completed, that an inspection of the Archives of the State showed the mistake, the earliest printed books, 1790, having the act in 1771, the original copy in possession of the Society having been lost; it was then deemed inexpedient by the Committee of arrangements to postpone the affair and it was successfully carried out, the spirit of interest manifest on the occasion fully justifying the wisdom of the gathering.

It is not improbable in a work of this kind, that some errors of date or the like may have been made; should such be discovered by any one they are respectfully requested to report the same to the clerk.

An inspection of these Records will give some idea of what this Brotherhood has been in the past, and what it is to-day.

A time-honored institution, it has always bestowed from its income with a liberal hand, to its needy members and their families, and this too without causing them to feel that they were the recipients of a reluctant charity.

As it has done in the past it will continue to do in the future, and long deserve the respect and sympathy of this community.

In preparing the list of officers of the Society, the names of messengers were accidentally omitted. Thomas Fabens served from 1800 to 1820, John Fabens from 1820 to 1865, and Samuel Very was appointed in 1865.

SALEM, March, 1873.

PETITION FOR ACT OF INCORPORATION.

On the 31st of May, 1770, it was voted that Jonathan Gardner, Jr., be desired to apply to the Great and General Court, at its present session, to be incorporated. Whether application was then made or not we have not ascertained, but the following is an attested copy of a petition, the original of which is on file in the archives of the State, viz. :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THOMAS HUTCHINSON Esquire,
Governour & Commander in chief, the honourable his
Majesty's Council, & the honourable House of Representa-
tives, of the Province of Massachusetts-Bay, in General
Court assembled—

The Petition of Jonathan Gardner junr. and others whose Names are hereto subscribed, & who are or have been Masters of Vessels, humbly sheweth—That they & sundry other Persons now at Sea, have for a few Years past, united in a voluntary Society for the Purpose of raising a Fund wherewith to relieve such of their Members as thro' Misfortune at Sea, or otherwise, or by Reason of old Age or Sickness, stand in Need of Relief, & the necessitous Families of deceased Members; and also to communicate in Writing, to be lodged with the Society, the Observations they make at Sea of any Matters which may render Navigation, particularly on this Coast, easier & safer. And whereas for want of legal powers many Difficulties may arise in managing the Concerns of said Society—Your Petitioners humbly request your Excellency & Honours to erect & make them a *Corporate Society*, for the Purposes aforesaid, by the Name of The *Marine Society* at *Salem* in New England (or such other Name as your Excellency & Honours

shall think fit:) and to grant, that they, their Associates & Successors, may have perpetual Succession by said Name, & have a Power of making By-Laws, for the Preservation and Advancement of said Body, with Penalties, either of Disfranchisement, or pecuniary, or without Penalties, as it shall seem most meet, and have Licence to make & appoint their common Seal; and be enabled to sue & defend, & make Purchases, & take Donations of real & personal Estates for the Purposes aforesaid to the amount of such sum as to the Court in their wisdom shall seem meet & to manage & dispose said Estate as shall seem fit; & to chuse a Master, Treasurer & other Officers they shall think proper; & such other Powers and Privileges as your Excellency & Honours shall deem necessary & beneficial for said Society.

And whereas the said Society have already raised a considerable common Stock, which, by their Treasurer they have placed out at Interest for the Benefit of necessitous Members, as before-mentioned, & as a collateral Security for the Payment of the Monies so placed at Interest, have taken Mortgages of real Estate: Your Petitioners pray your Excellency & Honours to grant that these Acts of the Treasurer of said Society be made valid & effectual, as if the said Society had been then actually incorporated.

And as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

SALEM, April 12, 1771.

JONA. GARDNER JR.,
GEO. CROWNINSHIELD,
NATH'L KNIGHT,
EDWARD ALLEN,
SAM'L GRANT,
ROBERT ALCOCK,
SAMUEL WILLIAMS,
DANIEL HATHORNE,
JOHN BOWDITCH,
JOSEPH LAMBERT.

The petition was drafted by Timothy Pickering, and it appears by the Cash Book that he was paid the moderate sum

of *four shillings*. A lawyer who would charge such an insignificant fee for any service in these degenerate days would be considered by his brethren of the Bar worthy of expulsion.

The printed Journal of the House of Representatives has the following record :

Sabbati, 11 April, 1772. A petition of Jona. Gardner and others, praying to be incorporated into a Society, by the name of the Marine Society in Salem, for reasons mentioned.

Lunæ, 13 April, 1772. A bill to incorporate Jonathan Gardner & others. Read 2d time & recommitted.

Martis, 14 April, 1772. A bill to incorporate read 3d time and enacted.

Governor Hutchinson in his speech, 23d April, 1772, among the bills assented to, mentions an Act to incorporate Jonathan Gardner and others by the name of the Marine Society at Salem.

The endorsements on the original bill as reported and passed, which is on file in the State House, are :

“ In the House of Representatives April 11th, 1772. Read the first Time.

April 13th, 1772. Read the Second Time.

—— 14, 1772. Read the Third Time and pass'd to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

JOHN HANCOCK, Spk'r pro Temp're.

In Council Apl. 14th. Read a first time.

14th. Read a second time and passed a Concurrence to be Engrossed.

JNO. COTTON, D. Sec'ry ”

The Act required the first Corporate Meeting to be held on the succeeding second Thursday of June, the officers then to be chosen to continue until the next October, on the day appointed for the Annual Meetings, when officers were to be chosen for the ensuing year, and thereafter annually on the last Thursday of October.

Accordingly, on Thursday, June 11, 1772, the Society met. Present—Capt. Jonathan Gardner, Jr., Amos Mansfield, Edmond Giles, Larkin Dodge, Edmond Needham, Samuel Williams, Jacob Crowninshield, Cabot Gerrish, David Masury, Habakkuk Bowditch, Jonathan Webb, William Morgan, George Cabot, Daniel Conant, Ebenezer Ellingwood and Daniel Hathorne. Samuel Williams was appointed Moderator and George Cabot Clerk of the meeting. Jonathan Gardner, Jr., was chosen Master, Clerk and Treasurer, and William Bartlett Deputy Master and Clerk at Beverly, until the next October. A Committee of three—Samuel Williams, Jona. Webb and Cabot Gerrish—was chosen to make a Seal for the Society; and so the Act of Incorporation was duly carried into effect.

THE SEVERAL ACTS

OF THE

GENERAL COURT RELATING TO THE SOCIETY.

AN ACT

To incorporate JONATHAN GARDNER, jun. and others therein named, into a Society, by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY, at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

WHEREAS a considerable number of persons, who are or have been Masters of ships or other vessels, have for several years past associated themselves in the town of Salem; and the principal end of said Society being to improve the knowledge of this coast, by the several members, upon their arrival from sea, communicating their observations, inwards and outwards, of the variation of the needle, soundings, courses and distances, and all other remarkable things about it, in writing, to be lodged with the Society, for the making the navigation more safe; and also to relieve one another and their families in poverty or other adverse accidents of life, which they are more particularly liable to; and have for this end raised a considerable common stock; and the said persons associated as aforesaid, finding themselves under difficulties and discouragements in carrying on the said designs without an incorporation; and Jonathan Gardner, jun., and others of them, having petitioned the Great and General Court of this Province in their present session, to be incorporated for the purposes aforesaid; and their intention appearing laudable and deserving encouragement:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives, That, Jonathan Gardner, jun., John Ropes, Samuel

Webb, William Lilly, Amos Mansfield, Michael Driver, Israel Obear, Edmund Needham, Robert Hale Ives, Larkin Dodge, William Bartlett, Joseph Lambert, Benjamin West, Edmund Giles, William Slewman, Samuel Williams, Josiah Batchelder, John Batten, John Elkins, George Crowninshield, Edward Gibaut, Joseph Lee, Edward Allen, Samuel Grant, Jacob Crowninshield, Josiah Orne, Ebenezer Ward, jun., Daniel Hawthorne, John Derby, Cabot Gerrish, George Southard, David Masury, Nathaniel Knight, John Archer, John Berry, Habakkuk Bowditch, John Bowditch, Jonathan Webb, John Fisk, William Morgan, Robert Alcock, Jona. Mason, Stephen Cleveland, Benjamin Warren, Thomas Frye, Jonathan Lambert, jun., Henry Higginson, and George Cabot, the Members of said Society, be incorporated and made a body politic, for the purpose aforesaid, by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY, at Salem, in New England:—and that they, their associates, and successors, have perpetual succession by said name, and have a power of making by-laws for the preservation and advancement of said body, not repugnant to the laws of the government; with penalty, either of disfranchisement from said Society, or of a mulct not exceeding *twenty shillings*, or without penalties, as it shall seem most meet; and have leave likewise to make and appoint their common seal, and be liable to be sued, and enable to sue, and make purchases, and take donations, of real and personal estate, for the purpose aforesaid, provided the rents of the real estate, together with the interest of the personal estate, shall not exceed the sum of *five hundred pounds* per annum; and to manage and dispose of said estate as shall seem fit: And said Society shall have a Master, Deputy Master, Treasurer and Clerk and other officers they shall think proper.

And be it therefore further enacted, That the said Marine Society, shall on the second Thursday in June next, assemble to appoint their first Master, Deputy-Master, Treasurer and Clerk, and other officers as they shall think proper, and their seal, and make by-laws: and said officers shall continue until the last Thursday in October next, on which day the said

Marine Society shall meet annually ; afterwards on the said last Thursday of October annually, at Salem aforesaid, to choose a Master, Deputy Master, Treasurer and Clerk, and other officers as they shall think proper ; and for the admission of new Members, which shall be done by a major vote of the Members present at such annual meeting ; and to make, alter and annul their by-laws ; and if by reason of any emergency, the business of said annual assembly cannot be completed on said day, they may adjourn once to a short day to finish it, and no more ; and said Society shall meet at Salem, on the last Thursday of every month for all other business ; and whenever any of the officers of said Society shall die, or be disabled or remove out of the government, others shall be appointed or elected in their room, at the next monthly meeting ; and all instruments which said Society shall lawfully make, shall when in the name of said Society, and pursuant to the votes thereof, and signed and delivered by the Master, and sealed with their common seal, bind said Society, and be valid in law.

Passed in 1772.

AN ACT

For repealing an Act, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled, " An Act in addition to an Act, for incorporating JONATHAN GARDNER, jun., and others therein named, into a Society by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY, at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England ;" and also for altering said Act of Incorporation.

WHEREAS, by the representation of the said MARINE SOCIETY, it appears that the effects resulting from said Act, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, are not such as were expected, and that the benevolent views in instituting said Society will be greatly promoted, should the said Act be repealed, and some alterations be made in the said Act of Incorporation :

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-

tatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said Act, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An Act in addition to an Act, for incorporating JONATHAN GARDNER, jun., and others therein named, into a Society, by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY, at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said MARINE SOCIETY, may and shall, have as full power and authority at each of the monthly meetings of said Society, for the purpose of electing and admitting members, as they have by said Act of Incorporation at their annual meeting of the last Thursday of October. Provided, That no person shall be elected and admitted as a member thereof at any other meeting of said MARINE SOCIETY than the said annual meeting on the last Thursday of October, unless two-thirds of the members present at such meeting vote, and be in favor of such admission.

Passed February 8, 1790.

AN ACT

In addition to an Act, entitled "An Act to incorporate JONATHAN GARDNER, jun., and others therein named, into a Society by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY of Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Corporation established by the Act, to which this Act is in addition, be and hereby is authorized to take and hold, by donation, or otherwise, for the purpose of said Corporation, real and personal estate, the annual income of which shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, any thing in the Act to which this Act is in addition to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed Jan. 14, 1831.

BY-LAWS, &c.

ARTICLE I.

The Members of this Society shall consist of persons who now are, or have been, masters or commanders of vessels : and also of persons, who now are or have been, owners of vessels. Provided, that no person shall be admitted a member who has been eligible more than seven years, or is more than forty years of age, except by a vote at a yearly meeting.

II.

The Officers of this Society shall be elected annually on the last Thursday in October in conformity to the Acts of Incorporation, consisting of a Master, Deputy-Master, Treasurer and Clerk :—at the same time there shall be chosen an Agent, and a Committee consisting of two persons, for the Franklin Building ; also a Distributing Committee of five, of which the Master shall always be one, and the Chairman and oldest member of the other four shall withdraw from the Committee each year. At the same meeting, the salaries of the Clerk and Agent of the Franklin Building for the year next ensuing shall be fixed by a vote of the Society.

III.

The Members of this Society shall meet on the last Thursday of every month throughout the year, at such place in Salem as the Society from time to time shall agree upon—at seven o'clock, P. M., throughout the year. They shall also attend the occasional meetings which may be duly called by the Master as hereinafter provided. Any Member absent from a monthly meeting, except those who have been members twenty-

five years, they having paid all fines to this date, shall pay to the Society the sum of twelve and a half cents. The roll shall be called by the Clerk at the time at which the Society is notified to meet, and all members, not present before the calling of the roll is through, shall be considered absent.

IV.

There shall be elected annually, on the last Thursday in September, a Committee of three to examine the Treasurer's accounts; and a Committee of three to select candidates for all the Officers and Standing Committees of the Society, for the year commencing on the last Thursday in October; and the Reports of these Committees shall be made on the last Thursday in October.

V.

The election of Officers, and the admission of new members, shall be by ballot—the white balls, yea, and the black balls, nay; and the number of votes necessary for their election, and their admission, shall be in conformity to the Acts of Incorporation, passed in 1772, and on the 8th of February, 1790.

VI.

The Master of the Society shall be Moderator at all meetings; in his absence, the Deputy-Master; in the absence of both, the Treasurer; and in the absence of all three, the oldest member present. The Master shall prepare, arrange, and present all the business to the Society; he shall receive and answer all letters and addresses to the Society; and shall call Special Meetings, when not less than six members shall make application in writing for that purpose.

VII.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, rents, mortgages, notes, and stocks belonging to the Society, and shall render an account of the same at each annual meeting in October, which account shall have been previously examined by the Committee appointed for that purpose at the preceding September meeting, as provided in Article Fourth.

There shall no transfer of the Society's property be made, nor any moneys drawn from the Treasury, except by an express vote of the Society.

VIII.

The Clerk shall notify the Members of each meeting of the Society, by leaving a printed notice at the residence of every member, three days at least, before the time fixed for the meeting; he shall insert upon said printed notice, the names of candidates, together with the names of the members nominating them. He shall keep a record of all doings of the Society at every meeting; shall notify all members chosen to be officers, or on committees; and when persons are admitted to be Members, shall give them notice of their admission, and when they have signed the Books of the Society, shall give them a copy of the Act of Incorporation, By-Laws, Names of Members, and a Certificate of Membership of the Society.

IX.

It shall be the duty of the Agent of the Franklin Building to superintend any work on the Building, and have it improved to the best advantage: he shall collect the rents as they become due, and pay the same over to the Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer shall pay all bills upon the building after approval in writing by the agent and Committee, and render his accounts approved by the Committee on the last Thursday of October, annually. It shall be the duty of the Committee for the Franklin Building to make all necessary repairs and improvements upon it; but not to expend exceeding two-thirds of the net annual income, excepting by a vote of the Society at a monthly meeting.

X.

The presence of at least eleven members shall be required to constitute a quorum for transacting business.

XI.

The funds of the Society shall hereafter be invested in United States, State, City or Town Securities, Bank Stock in

this Commonwealth, or on mortgage of Real Estate, or in the improvement of the Franklin Building on interest and receiving the increase of rent until paid. No investment shall be changed without a vote of the Society.

XII.

Any person desirous of becoming a Member of this Society, shall be nominated by a Member, at one monthly meeting previous to his being voted for. Each person on his admission shall pay to the Clerk forty dollars, and one dollar and fifty cents additional for each and every year the applicant has been eligible. The above named sums may be increased or diminished by a vote of the Society at an annual meeting.

XIII.

The amount of admission fees, with the fines received from members, shall be an increasing fund, and shall not be devoted to benevolent purposes.

XIV.

The amount to be distributed for benevolent purposes shall be voted on the last Thursday of November annually, and, when necessary, at any other monthly or special meeting—but it shall not exceed the net annual income from the Society's funds, except in extraordinary cases. After an appropriation is made, the Distributing Committee may demand the amount from the Treasurer in such sums as will be the most convenient to them, and they shall render an account to the Society for the same.

XV.

Any Member, or the widow or children of any Member, who may be in want of assistance, shall apply to the Distributing Committee, who, if they think proper, may assist from the appropriation at their disposal for benevolent purposes—and if they have no funds to relieve the applicant, they shall lay the case before the Society, at a monthly or special meeting, and the Society shall have power to make an appropriation as per article No. 14. But no member shall be entitled to any relief

from the Society, until he has been a member for the term of one year, and conformed to the By-Laws thereof, except in extraordinary cases, which shall be decided by the Society. If a member die within a year from the time of signing the books of the Society, the money received from him shall be refunded to his widow or children on their demanding the same ; but if his widow or children do not demand it, they shall be entitled to all proper assistance from the Society. No male child of more than fourteen years of age, nor female of more than sixteen years of age, shall receive any assistance on account of his or her father having been a Member, unless they require relief from incapacity or ill health. The Distributing Committee shall give the Clerk a list of all the persons assisted, and the sums distributed to them, and he shall enter the same on the records of the Society, once in each year.

XVI.

The Clerk shall call on members that have been absent twelve monthly meetings for their fines, and in case they are absent for eighteen monthly meetings successively, unless they be at sea, and refuse to pay their fines, the Clerk shall report the same to the Society at a monthly meeting, and they shall have power by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, to strike their names from the books of the Society, and they shall from that time forfeit all claim to assistance from the funds of the Society.

XVII.

If any member shall commit a notorious crime, or be given to excessive drinking, or disturb the peace and good order of the Society, a majority of the Members present at any monthly meeting, shall have power to strike his name from the books of the Society ; and he shall thereafter have no claims to assistance from the Society.

XVIII.

Every member of this Society upon his arrival from sea, shall make known in writing any extraordinary circumstance

that has occurred, or any discovery he has made during his voyage.

An agent be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to have the property belonging to the Society fully insured, and report the same semi-annually to the Society.

CENTENNIAL OF THE SALEM MARINE SOCIETY.

At a meeting held March 28th, 1871, a communication signed by a large number of the members was read by the Master, desiring that some action may be taken to celebrate the approaching centennial anniversary of the Society. It was voted that the Master, Nathaniel Brown, Messrs. James B. Curwen, Alfred Peabody, Joseph Osgood, Augustine S. Perkins, Samuel Hill and William G. Webb, be a committee to carry it into effect, and that subscriptions be collected to pay for the same.

[Notes taken from the *Salem Register*, June 11, 1871.]

The Centennial of the Salem Marine Society was duly commemorated on Thursday afternoon, by a dinner at the Essex House, formerly the mansion of Hon. William Gray, the famous merchant, afterwards Lieut. Governor of Massachusetts, who joined the Society in 1792. The members and guests assembled at four o'clock in the afternoon, and soon proceeded to the dining room, the Master, Capt. Nathaniel Brown, now Mayor of the city, presiding. Capt. Brown is the third of his name who has belonged to the Society, his grandfather having become a member in 1801, his father in 1836, and himself in 1852.

The pleasant dining hall was finely decorated with flags; tablets handsomely inscribed with the names of the various

benefactors of the Society, and the amount of their donations and legacies were arranged around the room; portraits of Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch and Capt. Nathaniel West were hung upon the walls at the head and foot of the tables; and an excellent Band was stationed in the hall to enliven the feast with music. The tables were spread with great elegance, adorned with, bouquets, and loaded with fish, flesh, and fowls, in great variety, supplemented by all the luxuries of the season. The bill of fare also included those favorite seamen's delicacies, "Plum Duff," "Dundefunk," and "Lob-Scouse," the sight of which caused the countenances of the ancient mariners to be wreathed with smiles as they glanced at this well remembered "Dessert" to their ordinary sailor's "grub." The dinner reflected much credit on the culinary department of the Essex House, and on the skill of the landlord and his subordinates.

The oldest surviving member, Capt. Robert W. Gould, now approaching ninety years of age, (wanting only a year or two,) who became a member in 1819, was able to be present, and was warmly welcomed by his associates.

The entire arrangements were in fine keeping, (even the cards of invitation and the bill of fare being designed and printed in a style of unique elegance,) and displayed in a striking manner the liberality of the Society, and the taste and skill of the committee who supervised the details.

Capt. Brown having directed the members to come to order, the roll was duly called by the Secretary, Capt. Wm. B. Bates. Rev. Dr. R. C. Mills then invoked the Divine blessing, and the company proceeded to discuss the tempting viands, the band meanwhile furnishing an agreeable musical accompaniment.

At the close of the feast, the Master, Capt. Brown, delivered the following interesting address.

ADDRESS BY THE MASTER, CAPT. NATHANIEL BROWN.

Gentlemen and Brethren of the Salem Marine Society:—

Cordially, and with my whole heart, do I greet you on this occasion, so replete with pleasant memories, on this the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of our society. We are here to do honor to the memory of those wise and prudent men, the founders of this institution. We are here that we may perchance recall something of what this society has accomplished in the past, and what it is to-day; but, more than all, we are here that in fraternity and social intercourse we may strengthen the ties that bind us, and assist in perpetuating the good influences and beneficence of our fellowship.

One hundred years ago! So long it is since our fathers' fathers, in a spirit of charity and good will to all men, united under the title of "The Marine Society, at Salem, in New England," and framing a set of laws for their government, sowed the seed that has since borne such good fruit. A few recollections of the past may not be considered inappropriate for this occasion, and if you will pardon its imperfections, I will attempt a brief historical sketch of the society. Its origin appears from the records to have been in March, 1766, when eighteen shipmasters constituted the society. Thomas Eden's name heads the list of enrolled members, followed by those of John Ropes and Samuel Webb. Thomas Eden did not long survive, as his death is recorded two years later, at the age of forty-five. Additions were rapidly made to the society, and by the close of 1768, it consisted of over fifty in number.

The first recorded votes at a meeting were instructions to the clerk to afford relief to the widow of a deceased member, and, "if he finds occasion, to give her as much as he thinks proper;" thus early showing what was the main object of the association, and with the characteristic generosity of sailors, the amount donated was not limited, save by the means at hand. The laws of government just alluded to, are as quaint and original, according to our ideas, as most of the other acts of the time in which they were drafted. I quote a few articles, to show you their general tenor. They state:—

First—"The members of this society shall consist only of

such persons who now are, or have been, commanders of vessels, unless upon extraordinary occasions." Fourthly—"That each member shall pay into the box for the use of the society, at the time of his entry, twenty shillings lawful money, and eight pence monthly, during such time as he shall belong to said society, which payments shall not be expended at any time by the society, but remain a stock in the box for the intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned." The succeeding articles, including "Tenthly," provide for the relief of any members, or their widows, who may be reduced by misfortune; and also for the investment of the moneys of the society, "*in no other manner than on bond, with collateral security of land, under a good title, and without incumbrance, and of at least double the value* of the sum let, as near Salem as may be, and lying within the province." No Wall street broker could fail to recommend such an investment as perfectly safe. Eleventh provides, "That no member of this society shall at their monthly meetings play or promote the playing of cards, dice, or other gaming whatsoever, as it is probable the same may be of damage to themselves, or some other of the society." Fourteenthly—"That if any member of this society be guilty of profane swearing or cursing, or *non-attendance* of the monthly meeting, he shall for each of said offences pay to the box one shilling and four pence lawful money."

This article suggests how great a crime non-attendance of the monthly meetings was considered in those early days; and even a few years later I find this most extraordinary vote on record:—"voted at a meeting of the Marine Society, Nov. 30, 1780: The fines of non-attendance at the monthly meetings be *Thirty-six dollars*, till the further orders of the Society." This order was evidently not enforced, for in the following June it was voted, "that the fines be omitted till the next meeting," and at that meeting in July, 1781, they were fixed at three shillings. I think it probable, that we might have a larger attendance at our meetings, did such views prevail in these days, and that we should not so often find "no quorum present, for the transaction of business." Another singular

vote of a later date, though occurring in the last century, was to the effect that, "at the death of any member's wife the society shall not be warned to attend the funeral."

The objects of this association, with the attendant conditions of membership and the penalties for non-observance of the laws, seem to have been generally carried out. For many years Samuel Williams was the first clerk. Jonathan Gardner, Jr., was elected and re-elected from time to time, not only as Master, but as Clerk and Treasurer. In May, 1770, he was instructed to petition the Great and General Court, then in session, for an act of incorporation. This was granted, and the Marine Society were ordered to meet on the second Thursday in June, 1772, for the choice of their officers, and the transaction of other formal business set forth in said act. This, gentlemen, is "the day we celebrate." One century ago to-day we became a body corporate and politic. We should hardly be true to our nature did we not in some degree indulge in the pride that is prompted by this thought.

The most ancient organization in this olden town, with but few even to antedate it in this great country, I was going to repeat that we may justly feel proud; but when I remind me of what this society is, and the works of love it performs, this sentiment is rebuked, and I think but of Him who taught us humility. Thus legally established, a new set of by-laws was adopted, quite as original and stringent as the previous ones. Among these I note as interesting and amusing, "that any member who shall absent himself from the society six months, that could attend, shall be looked on as an unworthy member, and if after eight days' notice by the master, shall refuse, he shall be excluded from the benefit of the box," &c., and also, "that if any member should tattle and discover any secret affairs of said society, he shall be deemed an unworthy member of the same."

Great stress, too, is laid, in one of the articles, upon a matter in relation to individual members quarreling and disputing with one another, and provision is made for the reference of such disputes to the society, in order that they be decided with

more equity, and much less cost. A subsequent vote struck out the "more equity," and very wisely, I think.

Soon after this reorganization, a petition was received from the brethren in Beverly, setting forth that on account of the difficulties of crossing the ferry, in dark and stormy weather, they were oftentimes unable to attend the meetings, and asking that they might hold their monthly meetings in Beverly aforesaid. This was attended to, and rules were adopted for the regulation of a branch of the society in that town. A clause, however, required that all should unite at the annual meetings in Salem. This practice seems to have died out, for there is nothing further in regard to it upon record;—indeed, the society soon after this date appears to have been in a depressed condition, and no meetings were held from March, 1775, till October, 1780. This is not to be wondered at, when we remember the troubles of this revolutionary period. After the war was over, however, the society started again with renewed vigor. The laws were amended by Benj. Goodhue, Esq.; members were joined in large numbers, so that up to the year 1800, two hundred and twenty-five had been enrolled. Benj. Goodhue appears to have been a prominent man of the society, and his services were invaluable while in Congress (which then met in Philadelphia), in procuring appropriations for the building of light-houses, beacons, &c., on the coast of Massachusetts. The by-laws he reported, are in most respects those in existence at this time.

The early meetings were held at the houses of the members, that of Capt. Jona. Webb being frequently spoken of. In 1790 they voted to meet hereafter at the house of Samuel Robinson, inn-holder, and in 1793 in Gen. Abbot's long room. In 1807 the Marine Hall is indicated and rented, and in 1814 they removed to the Essex Coffee House, where they continued till the liberal bequest of Thomas Perkins, Esq., enabled them to occupy a room of their own in the Franklin Building. The first meeting was held there Nov. 28, 1833, and with the exception of intervals when the place has been untenable in consequence of fires, have there always met. That the society

was socially inclined, I find from the record of sundry votes, as follows: Voted, "to have a dinner sometime in February next." Voted, "that the supper be discontinued," implying, I think, that it had been customary for some time to have one. Indeed, there is a rumor that has been handed down, that the fines for non-attendance were devoted to providing the supper; but I hold this to be mere scandal, as there is no evidence of such a misappropriation of the funds.

From these small beginnings, what to us appear trivial incidents, our institution has become what it is to-day. I will pass over in review, concisely as possible, some of the more recent subjects of moment, in which we all feel interested; but there is no pretentious story to be told, indeed, the injunction to "take heed that ye do not your alms before men," would forbid a recital of *all* that has been done. I know that some take another view of our association, and consider it more in the light of a purely business partnership. This is in some sense true, but not wholly so. Let it be so generally regarded, and it must be quite apparent that the means for relieving the unfortunate, and performing our benevolent offices, would not be so largely at hand.

The liberal donations, of members and others (appreciating our services), have materially increased the funds, and added to our ability to do the good work.

Conspicuous among these is that of the late Thos. Perkins, Esq., who bequeathed his building called the Franklin Place, the rents and profits of which are annually, by the terms of his will, distributed among the indigent members. This building has been especially unfortunate in regard to fire since it became the property of the society. Its northern end was destroyed on Jan. 29, 1845, and its southern end seriously damaged Jan. 4, 1859, and on the 31st of October, 1860, it was totally destroyed. In the two first instances the injuries were covered by insurance, and the losses promptly paid, but in the latter case, when the loss was total, the policy had expired but a few hours, and through a mistake had not been renewed; but through the munificent generosity of the Presi-

dent and Directors of the office where the building had for many years been insured, and also of many of our citizens, whose aggregate subscriptions towards erection of the new building amounted to over \$14,000, the loss to the Society was not heavy.

The time to be occupied by these remarks will not permit me to speak of the many other donors to your funds, but their liberality and your gratitude are testified to, by your recorded votes, on the several occasions of the receipt of their gifts. I must, however, speak of one, who for many years was an active member, and always had the welfare of the society at heart, as his donations bear witness.

I refer to Dr. Bowditch, a man whose pure character and blameless life have endeared him to this community, where he was so well known, quite as much as his great scientific attainments have caused his name to be of world-wide honor. A special meeting of the society was called to take suitable notice of his death, and warm and feeling resolutions of respect for his memory were adopted. One of these reads, "Resolved, that in his death, a public, a national, a humane benefactor has departed; that not this community, nor our nation only, but the whole world has reason to do honor to his memory; that when the voice of eulogy shall be still, when the tear of sorrow shall cease to flow, no monument will be needed to keep alive his memory among men, but as long as ships shall sail, the needle point to the north, and the stars go through their wonted course in the heavens, the name of Dr. Bowditch will be revered as of one who helped his fellow men in time of need, who was and is to them a guide over the pathless ocean, and of one who forwarded the great interests of mankind."

To notice many others of our brotherhood distinguished for their attainments, would be to occupy too much time. It is sufficient to say that a very large number of the influential merchants of this place, so well known, in times gone by, for its commercial enterprise, are classed in our roll, but the class of hardy mariners who first built and launched our ship, are those who have always sailed her. Her unsound timbers and

rotten rigging have been replaced by stronger material, but her keel evinces nothing of decay, and she is to-day of fairer proportions and every way stauncher than when she first voyaged. You, brethren, who have buffeted the storms of almost every sea on this wide earth, and endured the privations incident to a sailor's life, have no cause to be ashamed of your navigation.

Of the work performed by the society outside of its charity, I have but little to say ; not, by any means, that it has been unimportant, though a casual inspection of the records with the frequent recurrence of " no business before the meeting dissolved," would seem to infer that but little had been done. This is far from being the case, however. The interest in navigation, " in order that it may be more safe," required by the original charter, has always been manifested, and the placing of beacons and buoys and the recommending of pilots (required by Legislative act,) for the safe conduct of vessels into our harbor, the petitioning of the Congress of the United States for light houses on Baker's Island, Cape Cod, Ipswich and Marblehead harbors, together with the influence used to obtain a proper survey of our coast, all go to prove that we were never otherwise than alive to the performance of our duties. Some of these expenses even were borne by individuals of the society, and it is argued to-day by a few, that we are entitled to reimbursement from the government, for the placing of beacons and buoys in Salem harbor. But I fear that although the Committee who were appointed to petition Congress in 1797 for the pay, were instructed " to take off the top of the beacons," that that is the last of it. *Whether the tops of the beacons were removed* does not appear, but there is nothing to show that those who built them ever got their money back, though the U. S. government have never since been remiss in providing for the safety of navigation into our port.

Oftentimes, too, has the society been called upon to express its opinion upon the value of charts, the rig of vessels, and other matters pertaining to commercial affairs, and in connection with our younger brother, the East India Marine Society,

it has contributed much valuable thought and experience for the benefit of our fellow men. That the members of our society always manifested that patriotism and love of country we all admire is proved by the following statistics handed me by a friend:—one hundred and two of our number served in the Revolutionary war, forty-eight served in the war with Great Britain of 1812, and six served in both:—four served in both these wars and also in the war with France. As a matter of course, most of this service was on the sea. In our late Rebellion more than one of our number were officers in our navy, and many were ready, if called upon, to stand by the flag “at any sacrifice.” For ostentatious displays and parades the Marine Society was never noted. They joined with the Military Societies of Salem in paying a tribute of respect on the death of Washington, and voted to attend Capt. Lawrence’s funeral procession, after he was killed on the “Chesapeake,” in conflict with the “Shannon,” in Boston Bay, but they seem to have persistently refused to accept any invitations to partake in 4th of July celebrations and such like civilities, that have been extended. They did, however, attend the ceremony of the introduction of Cochituate water into Boston, and declared it afterwards a “bore.”

I reluctantly proceed to record something of what has been done under the purpose named in the charter, “to relieve one another and their families in poverty or other adverse accidents of life, which they are more particularly liable to.” From the time that Samuel Williams, in 1767, reported that he had given to a member’s needy widow eighteen shillings, till our last annual meeting, when the Treasurer’s account showed a balance of \$4612.88 for distribution, every call for aid has been listened to, and considered, and when its worthiness has been proved, the assistance has been bestowed; and how many hearts have been gladdened by contributions from “the Box” none of us can tell. Of five hundred and forty-seven persons who have joined us, we number to-day ninety-nine living members. Our invested funds amount to quite \$60,000; and our ability to do is yearly on the increase. Our insignia is

emblematical of the proverb, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and after many days thou shalt find it," and our motto, "Where virtue reigns, the unfortunate find relief." May our conduct as a brotherhood ever be in accordance with these symbols.

Such, friends, is our plain and simple narrative. We boast of nothing done, but we believe our society has accomplished much christian work, in the past, and we have faith that it will be continued in the future ; and it is for us, brothers, to hand down, to our children's children, this beneficent institution in all its honesty and rectitude of purpose. May we always, as has been done, extend the helping hand and sympathizing heart to all the unfortunate of our race, and as long as the Salem Marine Society shall exist in its present integrity, so long may God bless it.

After the Master had concluded his address, he proceeded to announce

THE TOASTS,

and to call upon different members of the company to respond. These were as follows :—

1. *The Memory of the Founders of the Salem Marine Society.*

The company arose in response to this toast, after which Hon. Stephen G. Wheatland was introduced and responded as follows :

I suppose, Mr. Master, from a remark of yours the other day, that I am expected to respond to this toast from my remote connection with Benj. Goodhue, who, although not one of the founders, was very early connected with the society, and took a deep interest in its welfare. His name is very often mentioned in the records, and the by-laws, as they substantially stand to-day, were drafted by him.

Mr. Goodhue, as you may know, was a member of Congress for twelve years immediately succeeding the formation of the Government,—six in the House, and six in the Senate,—and, as a member of the Committee on Commerce, he was of great

benefit to our society. He was active and influential in everything connected with Salem, where he was born and where he died. His son Jonathan, the great merchant of New York, did as much as any man in his position to make the name of the United States respected at home and abroad. His son-in-law, Gideon Tucker, a respected merchant of Salem, was treasurer of the society for many years, and was elected, or tendered, the office of Master, which he declined.

In looking over the founders of this institution, my first thought was to trace the present to the original members; to see how many there were now who could claim direct relationship with those who presided over its birth. And, Sir, I am surprised at the result. It is interesting but sad to see what changes have taken place in our Association. Many families have moved away. Many have died out, leaving no descendants. And many have followed pursuits alien to ours, and taken no interest in us. So that to-day I can find but three members who are directly descendants from the sixty or seventy who may be considered its founders, and but two from those who were or had been members at the time our Act of Incorporation was passed. John Fisk Allen's paternal and maternal grandfathers (Edward Allen and Gen. John Fisk) were both named in the instrument. And I am very sorry to see in looking round that he is not with us to day, to pay our respects to the memory of his honored ancestors. Capt. Wm. H. Hathorne, now at sea in command of the "Taria Topan," is a lineal descendant of John Hathorne. And James Buffinton, for a number of years our Deputy Master, is in a direct line from James Buffinton, a worthy ship-master, who very early became a member.

In the early days of our Association, Beverly took an active interest in our affairs, and a number of its prominent members were from that good old town. When that ceased I do not know, but I am quite sure that of the hundred members who have joined in the twenty-one years I have belonged, not one has resided there.

The first named in the act of incorporation was Jonathan

Gardner, Jr., a direct descendant of George Gardner, one of the original planters, who had a tract of land assigned him in Salem in 1637. Mr. G. was a ship-master by profession, a very active Mason, and the first master of the society. Dr. Bentley preached his funeral sermon in 1791, at the express request of this Association. None of his descendants are living. William F. Gardner, our respected fellow citizen who died a few years ago, was the last. He is represented collaterally in our Institution by Henry Gardner, Senior, and Henry Gardner, Junior, the younger of whom I have not the pleasure of knowing; but I think we shall agree that the elder is an honorable representative of an honored family.

Among the other founders were George Cabot, U. S. Senator from Massachusetts, and the life-long friend of Hamilton and Washington; John Adams offered him a seat in his Cabinet, which Mr. C. declined; George and Jacob Crowninshield, the world renowned merchants; Daniel Hawthorne, the father of that wonderfully gifted writer of romance, Nathaniel Hawthorne, whose brilliant exploits in the field of letters have given a new lustre to the name of Salem; Habakkuk Bowditch, the father of Dr. Bowditch,—who has given America a name in the scientific world, and who himself was one of the most loved and honored members of our association; Joseph Lee, the Boston merchant, who so liberally endowed the McLean Asylum. He was quite famous for his skill in mechanics, and is said to have modelled the “Caravan,” the vessel that took the first missionaries to India. His grand-son, John C. Lee, I had hoped to see with us to-day. William Gray, Lieut. Gov. of Massachusetts, the largest ship owner in his day and generation in the country, who, although he left Salem, never forgot the Salem Marine Society. William Orne, whose many acts of charity and eminent virtues will long be remembered. And Robert Hale Ives, the ancestor of that family who have given such an enviable reputation to the city of Providence.

Mr. Master, I am proud to have been called upon to say a word for the memory of the founders of the Salem Marine Society; for if there ever were men who, as Emerson says,

“builted better than they knew,” and who laid the foundation of an association which, in a quiet and unostentatious manner, has done as much, and I believe more good, than any other in Salem, it was the company of ship-masters who formed this society. For a hundred years and more the seed which they planted has gone on germinating and sending its fruits into many a household, to bless the worn out sailor in his old age, and to carry comfort to the widow and orphans. We owe them a debt which should be gratefully remembered to-day. Let their names be always kept hallowed in our memory as—

“the actions of the just
Smell sweet and blossom in the dust.”

2. *The Donors to the Funds of the Society.* Their liberal gifts have always been held in grateful remembrance; and no feeble words of thanks can be of such recompense to them as their own approving consciences, and such reward as is ever accorded to generous and sympathizing hearts.

Judge Otis P. Lord, who was expected to respond to this toast, was deterred from being present by the session of the Superior Court, over which he was presiding.

3. *The Boston Marine Society*—an institution kindred in its character and usefulness to our own. May it always prosper, and may “those who go down to the sea in ships,” when the charities of a selfish world shall fail, find in it a benefactor.

Capt. Ebenezer Davis, President of the Boston Marine Society, responded very happily. He regretted that some of his associate officers were not present with him. He expressed the deep interest he had felt while participating in the proceedings on this memorable occasion, modestly (but needlessly, as his remarks proved,) apologizing for his inexperience in speaking, by saying that his thoughts were like a tangled skein of twine, the difficulty in balling which all sailors would understand, where the ends were sticking out in all directions.

He stated that the Boston Marine Society originated in the

Fellowship Club, formed in the year 1742, and consisting in the first year of only eleven members. The first name on the list is that of William Starkey, and he is regarded as the founder of the institution. Capt. Davis paid a handsome tribute to his memory. Capt. Starkey, he said, was very much respected and was a generous and honest man. He had been a shipmaster and merchant, and had acquired considerable property, and it is somewhat remarkable that he was one of the first to experience the benefit of that clause in the charter of the society he had founded which declares one of its principal ends to be "to relieve one another and their families in poverty or other adverse accidents in life." Becoming reduced in means, Capt. Starkey, in 1752, removed with his family to Newbury in this County, and the Society came promptly to his aid. The estimation in which he was held by his associates is proved by the following record :

" *Voted*, this 7th Jan., 1752, that Capt. Wm. Starkey be paid out of The Box Twenty-one Pounds Ten Shillings Old Tenor, being all the Cash at present in the Box, and that he shall be reliev'd further According to the Ability of the Box, and that the present Clerk, G. Tidmarsh, write him a Letter on ye Same in Behalf of the Society."

The Boston Marine Society was incorporated Feb. 2, 1754, and its Charter is signed by Wm. Shirley, Esq., Governor of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. Capt. Davis gave many interesting facts in its history, paid a special tribute to the late Dr. Bowditch of the Salem Society, whose Navigator was indispensable to the American seaman, and closed with a toast to the Salem Marine Society, which was briefly and pleasantly acknowledged and responded to by James Upton, Esq., for the society.

Before sitting down, Capt. Davis presented to the Master and asked his acceptance, for the association over which he

presides, of a copy of the Constitution and Laws of the Boston Marine Society, with a brief history of the organization, its condition in 1871, and a list of members. The volume is elegantly printed and bound, with the inscription in gold on the cover :

“ Presented to the Salem Marine Society, on its Centennial Anniversary, by Eben Davis, President of Boston Marine Society, June 8, 1871.”

The courtesy was duly acknowledged, and when the worthy President subsequently retired he was saluted with a round of rousing cheers.

4. *The Salem East India Marine Society.* Famed for the rare excellence of its Museum, respected for the character of the men who compose it, and beloved for its charities,—may the good work it has accomplished in the past be an incentive for doing much in the future ; and our brothers shall always have our sympathy and support.

Benjamin H. Silsbee, Esq., President of the East India Marine Society, responded happily, speaking of the friendly relations existing between the two societies, and attributing to the broad principles of charity the true cause of the long life of this society. He concluded with a sentiment, which was acknowledged by John Webster, Esq., who recalled some pleasant things within his remembrance as to the characteristics of Salem thirty or forty years ago, and the changes which have taken place in navigation and the working of ships.

5. *The Port of Salem.* Though the prestige of its former commercial importance and success in foreign trade has been dimmed by untoward circumstances, the enterprise of our citizens will surely, through other channels, restore its pristine glory.

Charles S. Osgood, Esq., Deputy Collector of this port, responded as follows :

Mr. Master, and Gentlemen of the Salem Marine Society :— Standing here, in the presence of many of those who helped to

gain for Salem that eminent place in the commercial world which she held so long, I should feel reluctant to answer to your toast, did I not know that I am called upon more by the accident of official position than by any expectation that anything I could say would be new or interesting.

And, indeed, to attempt to properly reply to such a toast, were I able, would be impossible in the limits of a single evening; for, at the mention of the ancient port of Salem, what a flood of recollections, what a host of memories rise before us, and with time and the available material at the disposal of one whose inclination should draw him to write the maritime history of Salem, what an interesting and valuable chapter in the city's, yes, in the nation's, history it would be! Commencing almost with the foundation of Salem, we should find the enterprise and number of her merchants and the capacity and number of their vessels increasing, until, in the early part of the present century, the height of her prosperity commercially was reached.

The ship *Grand Turk*, belonging to E. Hasket Derby and commanded by Ebenr. West, cleared for the Isle of France, with the purpose to visit Canton, Nov. 28, 1785; went to Isle of France, Batavia and China, and returned to Salem in June, 1787, with a cargo of teas, silks and nankeens—the first voyage from New England to Isle of France, India and China.

More tea was landed in Salem in 1790 than in any year since. Of fifteen vessels in Canton in 1789, five of them belonged to Salem—four to E. Hasket Derby.

In May, 1790, the Brig *William and Henry*, commanded by Benjamin Hodges and owned by Gray and Orne, entered this port with a cargo of tea, which was among the first of such cargoes imported in an American vessel.

In 1806, seventy-three ships, eleven barques, and forty-eight brigs were engaged in our foreign commerce.

In 1807, sixty ships, seven barques, forty-two brigs, forty schooners and three sloops in the merchant service, and one hundred fishermen and coasters.

There has been collected in imposts for the U. S. govern-

ment, at the port of Salem, since the organization of the Union in 1789, the sum of more than twenty-five millions of dollars. From 1801 to 1810, inclusive, the duties collected amounted to \$7,272,633.31—the years 1804–5–6–7 showing an average of about one million each, two of them being a little more and two a little less than a million. And yet the number of foreign entries in the most prolific of these years was only two hundred and thirty-six, while the coasting trade of those days was as nothing in comparison with the present.

Take, as another illustration of the past, two or three facts in relation to the China trade. In 1825 and 1826 a little brig of 223 tons the (*Leander*) brought in cargoes from Canton which paid duties amounting respectively, one to \$86,847.47, and the other to \$92,392.94. In 1829, 1830 and 1831, a ship of only 287 tons (the *Sumatra*) brought cargoes from the same port, paying, respectively, duties, in the first case of \$128,363.13, in the second of \$138,480.34, and in the third of \$140,761.96—the five voyages paying to the government an aggregate of nearly \$587,000, or an average of \$117,369.27 each. No other vessel has entered Salem paying \$90,000 in duties. And both the brig and the ship were owned by the same eminent merchant, (the late Joseph Peabody, Esq.,) a member of your society, and commanded on each voyage by the same gentleman, (Capt. Charles Roundy,) also a member of your society and present here to-day. Such were some of the fruits of Salem commerce, which dates its beginning nearly two centuries and a half ago.

The memories of her former greatness still survive. The captains, whose energy and fearlessness helped to carry the name of Salem wherever, on far distant seas, the white sail of commerce was unfurled, and whose uprightness and business integrity made that name honored and respected in those far off countries, are many of them with us to-day, and could recount many a tale of the doings and darings of our vessels and the brave men who manned them. It is greatly to be hoped that some of these facts may be preserved while it is still possible to do so.

Emerson said, in a recent lecture, and it is a saying we might all profit by, that we were not apt to think enough of the historian of the family—of the one who cherished, and stored up, and recounted the memories and traditions of the past—and that, after death had made it impossible, we realized how we had wasted our opportunities, so lightly regarded at the time, and wondered why we had not asked the many questions that now must remain unanswered forever. Let us trust that we, or those that follow us, will not be found in a position to indulge in similar regrets.

Of her extensive India trade, and the character of those engaged in it, Salem was always justly proud, and showed the high regard in which she held it and them by the ordinance passed shortly after her incorporation as a city, in which she adopted, as part of the devices on her seal, a shield bearing upon it a ship under full sail, approaching a coast, designated by the costume of the person standing upon it, and by the trees near him, as a portion of the East Indies—beneath the shield a motto signifying “to the furthest port of the rich East.” This trade has departed, probably forever; but still, upon all her official documents, in the years to come, scattered far and wide, there will always be imprinted this tribute to the memory of past greatness, which will serve to preserve in the thoughts of her people the recollection of one of the most interesting and even romantic pages of her history.

Gradually, by the laws of trade, our vessels have been drawn to the great commercial centres, and Salem has ceased to be the port of entry of the still large number of vessels owned by her citizens. The Custom House at this port is no longer the depository of invoices of the rich and varied products of the East. The name of the Surveyor has ceased to be sent abroad marked on bales of merchandise, as Hawthorne has told he smiled to think was to be the case with his. The course of trade has changed, and other and different are the duties now discharged there, but the memories of the past linger about it, and the subtle genius of the great story-teller has reflected a halo of interest around it,—an interest that will

increase with his renown, and that brings yearly to visit it the admirers of the unequalled master of romance from all parts of the world.

Although our foreign commerce has well nigh left us, this fact remains, which may astonish those whose attention has not been called to the subject,—that never, in the utmost height of our commercial prosperity, did so many or such large vessels enter our ancient port as during the last two years. In 1869, there came into our harbor 1,524 vessels of all classes, having an aggregate tonnage of 171,000; and in 1870, the number of vessels was 1,812, and the aggregate tonnage 213,514. Many schooners now, as you well know, are larger than the largest ships of the olden time, when our commercial fame was most marked. And that the port of Salem is still considered of some consequence, and its advantages appreciated, is evinced by the fact that the government is now expending \$35,000 in the establishment of additional lights, to guide the mariner who may seek an entrance to its anchorage. Of the facilities it still offers, none know better than the members of this society.

That there is a bright future for our city, that she will increase in population, in extent of territory and in material prosperity, we trust and believe; but her citizens have turned their energies to other pursuits, and of her commercial future, especially as regards her foreign trade, we cannot speak so hopefully, but we can say proudly the past at least is secure.

But I fear you have already been detained too long, and in closing allow me to give you as a sentiment:

THE SALEM MARINE SOCIETY—venerable in years; intimately connected with the brilliant record of the commercial fame of Salem; beneficent in its charities. May its second centennial find it still flourishing in a green old age, with the ancient port invigorated by more than its former glory.

6. *Our Absent Members.* Whether at sea or on shore, whether in sickness or health, whether in prosperity or sorrow, on this, the day of our rejoicing, we have them all in our hearts and memories.

Deputy Master Capt. George Upton, being called upon, replied :

To *that* sentiment, Mr. Chairman, we can all respond. Those of us who are present to take part in the celebration of this Centennial Anniversary, will naturally bring to mind the remembrance of our absent friends. In a society like ours, where so many of its members are, by their calling, away from home, and separated by old Neptune's barriers, it is befitting that we should hold them in remembrance.

7. *The Salem Press.* Though we, as sailors, generally believe in a *press* of sail, we do not believe in a *press gang*; but the press we toast to-day, though not allied to the one, has certainly none of the objections which pertain to the other. May it always, in its just and independent action, be the safeguard of our liberties.

N. A. Horton, Esq., of the Salem Gazette, responded in his usual happy style, which elicited much laughter and applause.

Volunteer sentiments followed, one to the Committee of Arrangements, whose efforts had been so satisfactory and successful, being responded to by Capt. Joseph Osgood, who concluded by proposing "The Day we Celebrate."

John Webster, Esq., read a sprightly parody on Hiawatha, full of pleasant hits, which, he said, had been forwarded to him by a friend for that purpose.

Among the letters read, was one from Ripley Ropes, Esq., a member now residing in New York, who concluded his reply to the notification thus:—

"What an aggregate of good has been accomplished in a quiet, unostentatious way, and how many prayers of gratitude for the same have gone up to the Heavenly parent, since Jonathan Gardner, Jr., John Ropes, Samuel Webb, and their worthy associates procured, *one hundred years ago*, from the Legislature of Massachusetts Bay, the Act of Incorporation.

"That this spirit still abides, is manifest in the determination

of your committee that every living member within reach shall be invited to partake of the pleasure incident to the keeping of this memory day.

“Come together *as one* in the spirit of Faith and Charity. Renew the vows made at the beginning, one hundred years ago, that the strong shall ever come to the help of the weak. Then will the good work continue, and the blessed memories of the Marine Society in my dear old Home never fail or fade.

“Assess me what in your judgment is proper, as my contribution, to the perfect success of the Centennial, advising me of the amount, when I will immediately provide for its payment.

Very truly, yours,

RIPLEY ROPES.”

The exercises were concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, the Band accompanying, the members and guests joining hands and uniting in chorus.

During the dinner hour and between the sentiments and responses, fine music was furnished by Upton Brothers' Quadrille and Serenade Band, which added greatly to the enlivenment and enjoyment of the occasion.

The celebration was a great success, and in all respects worthy of the memorable event it was designed to honor.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

The celebration of the Centennial of the old Salem Marine Society, which was recently commemorated so successfully, suggests the propriety of gathering and preserving, for the use of the future historian, such facts and incidents in regard to its origin, career, and early members, as can be compiled from its records or collected from other sources. We propose, therefore, to print, from time to time, as our contribution, such fragmentary information as we may have at hand, in the hope that others may be induced to add to the stock, so that there may be ultimately put on record a valuable mass of undigested materials for the benefit of the annalist hereafter.

Before commencing, however, it may be well to supply an omission which the modesty of the society prevented the Master from stating in his address. He alluded to the fact that one of the principal objects of the association was "to relieve one another and their families in poverty or other adverse accidents of life, which they are more particularly liable to," but he did not mention that the amount thus distributed, which was \$2,000 up to 1810, had increased to \$78,516 up to 1871, the addition of the Franklin Building Fund, which began to be operative in 1833, having swelled their means so that the annual distribution now amounts to between four and five thousand dollars—a very essential help to those needing assistance.

The association was instituted March 25, 1766, and the first printed code of by-laws contains the list of members up to that time, thirty-six in all, the last named having joined Sept. 25, 1766. The meetings appear to have been held regularly

and duly recorded from the first, notwithstanding the act of incorporation was not passed until the association had been in existence for five or six years. Among the earliest by-laws were the following, which will be read with curious interest :

“ *Tenthly*, That no monies belonging to the society shall be let at interest, but on bond, and collateral security of land, under a good title, and without any incumbrance on it, at least of double the value of the sum let, and lying in this province, in or as near the town of *Salem* as may be.

“ *Eleventhly*, That no members of this society shall, at their monthly meetings, play, or promote the playing of cards, dice, or other gaming whatsoever, as it is probable the same may be of damage to themselves, or some other of the society.

“ *Twelfthly*, That the members of said society shall and will avoid all quarrels, needless contentions and debates, that may tend to create animosity, or disturb the good order, peace, friendship and love, that each member should and ought to bear to the other ; and in case any one or more of the society shall happen to quarrel, or begin a quarrel, there shall be three at least, or more of the society, chosen to consider of the same, and to lay such fines on he or them, that they find guilty, as not to exceed *Twenty Shillings* lawful money, nor less than *Two*.

“ *Thirteenthly*, If any member of this society shall commit any notorious crime, or be a common drunkard, a quarrelsome person, disturbing the peace and good order of the society, or be guilty of any other vice, he shall be discharg'd from the society, by vote of the major part of the members present at the annual meeting, and shall be excluded from any benefit of the box, unless he be reclaimed ; and in such case he may be admitted into the society again.

“ *Fourteenthly*, That if any member of this society be guilty of prophane swearing or cursing, or non-attendance of the monthly meeting, he shall for each of said offence, pay to the box *One Shilling* and *Four Pence* lawful.”

Subsequently the penalty for swearing was doubled, viz. :

“ *Voted*, the 25th May, 1769, that the fine for prophane

swearing should be Raisd to two shillings & Eaight pence Lawfull money."

Among the regulations adopted 30th May, 1771, was this :

"(9th) That if any member should Tattle and Discover any secret affairs of said Society shall be Deamed an unworthy member of the same."

The Beverly members, finding it inconvenient to attend the monthly meetings in Salem, were excused from that service, but required to continue attendance on the annual meeting. Thus, Jan. 25, 1772, R. H. Ives, Wm. Bartlett, Edmond Giles, Wm. Morgan, and Josi. Batchelder, Jr., members living in Beverly, petitioned to be allowed to hold their monthly meetings in Beverly, representing: "That their attending the monthly meeting of the society aforesaid in Salem is attended oftentimes with great Difficulty by Reason of their being obliged to Cross the Ferry it being sometimes stormy Weather othertimes Dark, and the Ice at times preventing the Boats from Passing." Their petition was granted and regulations were made accordingly, books being furnished to them for their accounts and records, as appears from the votes and the following item in the Cash account, viz. :

"1772. Apr. 29. Pd for a Large Book for our Brethren at Beverly 10s."

The Meetings were suspended from March, 1775, till Oct., 1780, although one was held Feb. 29, 1776.

The venerable Father Cleveland, of Boston, who was in the Salem Custom House with Major Hiller from Sept., 1789 to 1802, still takes a great interest in our affairs, and writes to us as follows :

"I rejoice that in your paper of this date (Monday, 12th,) you have given so much *very interesting* matters of the Salem Marine Society. My memory takes me back to former years, when in the Custom House and familiarly acquainted with every merchant and masters of vessels from Salem. Joseph Hiller was then Collector, William Pickman, Naval Officer, and

Bartholomew Putnam, Surveyor. Where are the multitudes with whom I was so intimately acquainted *seventy* years ago? *All* numbered with the dead. Very soon will be added to this number,

Your Friend,

CHARLES CLEVELAND."

It appears from a letter written in 1771, by William Lilly, (No. 5 on the list,) that, when the society was first formed, (1766,) there were eighteen members, of whom he was one, and that they "studied with some pains on Rules, or rather Laws, thought the most conducive to promote harmony through the whole."

The first member who died appears to have been John Hathorne, (No. 4,) as, on the 25th of April, 1767, it was Voted, That Capt. Sam. Williams wait on our Brother John Hathorne's widow, and know her circumstances, and if he find occasion for relief to give her so much as he thinks proper. Capt. Williams reports that he waited upon her agreeably to the above vote, and finding her in needy circumstances bestowed on her a sum from the society's box.

Thomas Eden (No. 1) died July 1, 1768, aged 44, and before March 29, 1781, in addition to Nos. 1 and 4, of the first sixty-three members John Ropes, Samuel Webb, Israel Obear, Robert Hale Ives, Larkin Dodge, Israel Lovett, William Slewman, John Elkins, William Ward, Thos. Morong, Jacob Crowninshield, Eben'r. Ward, Jr., Cabot Gerrish, George Smith, Thos. Frye, Stephen Mascoll, James Buffinton and William Williams had deceased—twenty in all during the first fifteen years.

Capt. Samuel Williams appears to have been the first Clerk and Treasurer, and probably the Master, or President. On the 28th of July, 1768, it was voted that Capt. Jacob Crowninshield and John Derby should be a committee to wait on Jonathan Gardner, Jr., to know if he will commence a member of their society and be their Clerk and Treasurer. Capt. Gardner promptly accepted the invitation and entered upon the duties. On the 26th of March, 1772, he was elected Master, Treasurer and Clerk, continued as such until 1774, and as

Master and Treasurer until his death in 1791. Upon his death, his son, bearing the same name, was elected Treasurer, and remained so until his death in 1821; the two acting 53 years.

From 1773 to 1790 the society met at the house of Capt. Jonathan Webb, who, like many of the old shipmasters of that day, kept a tavern after retiring from a life on the ocean wave. We recall, within a few years of this period, the names of Capts. Jonathan Webb, Samuel Robinson, David Masury, and Benjamin Webb, all members of the Marine Society, who became innholders.

On the 25th of March, 1790, the Clerk was directed to make out his notifications for the next monthly meeting to be held at the house of Capt. Samuel Robinson, and continue so to do until further orders, and to inform Capt. Webb that the inconveniency of the smallness of his room was the occasion of this removal.

Jona. Webb, in 1773, (as we learn from Felt,) states that there is only one public house near the centre of Salem, and desires that he may open another, which request was granted. His advertisement says that he had taken the house on the corner of what are now Washington and Church streets. It remarks that this location was formerly the noted tavern of Mr. Somerville and afterwards tenanted by Benjamin Coats. It further informs us that the house had received the name of Ship; and it must have been the second or third inn known by the name of the Ship Tavern.

Samuel Robinson took the Sun Tavern, at the head of Central street, in 1782. This building stood near the spot where the Essex House now is, and William Gray had it torn down about the year 1800 to accommodate his brick mansion house, which is now the Essex House. The Sun Tavern was at this latter period occupied by Jonathan (? Benjamin) Webb, son to a former keeper (Jonathan) of the Ship Tavern. After Mr. Gray removed to his new mansion, the old one was tenanted by Mr. Webb, who continued his usual sign, and removed the name of Sun Tavern to the building which many of us still remember—the Sun Tavern which was taken down

in 1823-4 to give place to the Manning building, now known as the Bowker Block or Place. This house, too, it would seem, was once the residence of our famous merchant "Billy Gray," No. 115 of the Marine Society. This dwelling was one of our most noted private abodes. It was quite an ancient structure and was erected for Samuel Browne. He left it to his son William, who advertised it to be let in 1760. Then it had brick ends and sides, "ruff cast," or plastered with lime and glass and gravel thrown upon them so as to adhere. A specimen of this composition, one panel of the building, was saved from the remains of the Sun Tavern, and is now preserved among the curiosities of the Essex Institute, being placed on the left of the passage way to the main entrance of the lower hall. As Mr. Browne was a loyalist, this estate was sequestered at the time of the Revolution, and after it was made a tavern it so continued until its demolition.

Felt says that in 1768 the King's Arms tavern is mentioned. It was of the ancient form and the residence of Col. Benjamin Browne, a century and more ago. Subsequently William Goodhue occupied it for a public house, and when the Revolution began, its royal name was dispensed with and exchanged for that of the Sun. Perhaps some of our antiquarians can reveal the history of the King's Arms inn and the two Sun Taverns, mentioned above as occupying the sites of the Essex House and Bowker Place.

On the 26th of April, 1792, it was voted that the Marine Society for the time to come meet at the house of Capt. Benjamin Webb. He was successively the landlord of both the old and new Sun Taverns, was the father of Samuel and Jonathan, both well remembered by many of our citizens, and early in the present century retired to his farm on the North river bank in the rear of Bridge street, where his son Samuel subsequently lived for many years.

On the 26th of September, 1793, Mr. William Gray, Capt. William Orne, and Col. Benjamin Pickman were appointed a committee to find some convenient place for the society to meet in future.

On the 31st of October it was voted that, from and after the monthly meeting of October, 1793, the Marine Society shall meet at the Hall of Gen. Stephen Abbot, (No. 99 on the M. S. list,) the year next ensuing, at \$24 per year. Here the society continued for many years, Gen. Abbot's "long Room" being known as Marine Hall. The first meeting of the society at Marine Hall, "being Gen. Stephen Abbot's long Room," was on the 28th of November, 1793. After 1806 or 1807, it appears to have been rented of Messrs. Powers and Snethen.

On the 29th of September, 1814, it was voted that the society remove from this Hall to the Essex Coffee House, and here the meetings were holden until the society came into the possession of the Franklin Building, the first meeting on record there being that of November 28, 1833.

The successive landlords of the Essex Coffee House, during the time the society held its meetings there, were: Prince Stetson, 1814 to 1820; B. D. Leavitt, from April, 1820, to June, 1820; William Potter, June, 1820, to September, 1824; James Wildes, from September, 1824, to January, 1828; Joseph S. Leavitt, from January, 1828, to November, 1833.

In the early days of the society, and down to within, say, forty years, according to the custom of the period, it was usual, as we judge from the records, to have some refreshment at the monthly meetings—perhaps a bowl of punch, or something of the kind, when liquors were purer and more reliable than the vile compounds of our time. The scores were paid on the same evening. Thus we find in 1783 that cash paid for "the Reckoning" was £2, 7s, 6d; and subsequently such entries as these:—cash received more than paid reckoning at Webb's 3s, 4d; do. do. more than paid Webb's bill, 7s, 6d; cash received over and above Capt. Webb's bill, 8s, 2s, &c., &c. The surplus was added to the general fund. The indulgence, however, appears never to have been excessive, "the reckoning" varying from less than a dollar to two or three in the last century, and seldom exceeding five after the society had much increased in numbers, even down to 1833, since which we find no trace of the practice.

Capt. Jonathan Webb died in March, 1792, at the age of 76, and his son, Capt. Benjamin Webb, died in October, 1815, at the age of 62. The former joined the Marine Society August 25, 1768, and the latter July 28, 1793.

The patriotism of the society was always conspicuous. One hundred and two of the members on the catalogue took an active part in the Revolution; forty-eight served in the war of 1812-15; six in both the Revolution and the last war with England; and four in the Revolution, in the French imbroglio of 1798-9, and also in the war of 1812. Many of them were eminent for bravery and for their distinguished services.

There is a paper still in existence, dated May 29, 1775, in which the members, under their individual signatures, desire their Treasurer to lend the Colony of Massachusetts Bay what money he had in his hand belonging to said society, on Colony security.

What treasures of stirring adventures might not have been accumulated had the yarns spun at those early gatherings only found a faithful recorder! Indeed, what imaginings of romance could vie with the strange and thrilling incidents of real life, the exposures and escapes, the deeds of daring and personal bravery, the struggles with the country's foes and with pirates, the battling with the elements, the penetrating of unknown seas and the encounters with savage tribes in the pursuit of new maritime enterprises, the thousand dangers by flood and field, which the members of this society have experienced, from the beginning until now. There were among these sons of the ocean, men who had tested the tender mercies of French and Spanish captivity long before the organization of the association; men who had braved impressment and who did the country great service in naval warfare during the Revolution and subsequently; men who had been incarcerated in the notorious Mill Prison; men who had suffered captivity among the Algerines; men who had been the pioneers in the India trade, and had revealed new sources of commercial gains in other remote regions; men who became renowned as statesmen and were prominent in the establishment of our Independence

and the formation of our Union ; men, subsequently eminent in scientific attainments and now of world-wide fame ; and the humblest of them could a tale unfold that would be intensified in interest by its simple and unadorned truth.

At the meeting on the 11th of June, 1772, Samuel Williams, Jónathan Webb and Cabot Gerrish were chosen a committee to make a seal for the society, in accordance with the act of incorporation. On the 26th of November, 1772, Mr. Hiller was paid £2, 16s, 0d, for cutting a seal. This seal is now well preserved, but bears the marks of service. It was missing for several years and a substitute was provided ; but the place of deposit of the original was ultimately discovered and the seal is now sacredly kept. The device represents a female figure, Charity, sitting on a rocky sea shore, dispensing gifts, from a horn of plenty which she bears, to an orphan stretching out her hand to receive them. The masts, maintopsail and stern of a receding ship just disappearing behind the rocks, are seen in the distance. The motto is, WHERE VIRTUE REIGNS, THE UNFORTUNATE FIND RELIEF. The seal in present use is substantially the same, with only a few slight and accidental deviations from the original.

On the 30th of October, 1794, Major Joseph Hiller and Mr. John Jenks were appointed a committee to form some sort of a Certificate. Nothing further seems to have been accomplished until Jan. 26, 1797, when Capt. Benjamin West, Capt. Benjamin Carpenter, and Capt. John Collins were chosen and added to assist the committee appointed to procure a certificate. On the 27th of April, 1797, the copy of a Certificate was accepted, and the sum of twenty dollars was voted to Abijah Northey, Jr., for his services. Benjamin Pickman, Jr., and John Jenks were authorized to procure a plate, and two hundred copies struck off. On the 28th of September it was voted that the Certificates be struck off on parchment and paper, and each member to have one of each if he chose.

On the 25th of January, 1798, it was voted that a certificate be given gratis to the widows of all the deceased members ; and on the 22d of February, 1798, the Clerk was directed to

get all the certificates for the widows glassed and framed at the society's expense.

The receipts show that Abijah Northey, Jr., was paid twenty dollars for drawing a view of Salem harbor; Nathaniel Hancock ten dollars in full of his account for designing a plan of a certificate; and Jona. Mason, the Clerk, acknowledges the receipt of one hundred and thirty dollars and fifty cents from the Treasurer to pay for the plate for the certificates.

The certificate is the same now used. The main design,—drawn in his boyhood by Capt. Northey, who died October 25, 1853, having nearly reached the age of 80, and who is still well remembered,—presents a view of the harbor, and its shores, with shipping at anchor and in the offing; the fort on Winter Island, then called Fort William; and Baker's Island, Eagle Island and the Miseries, in the distance. In the foreground on the right is Stage Point, with two merchants in the quaint costume of the time standing together and apparently bargaining in front of a warehouse, the Point being nearly bare of buildings, but divided by fences and stone walls, with a fishing vessel on the shore, and sundry other indications of the business carried on there. On the other side of the river are Derby and Union wharves, with warehouses and vessels of the style of that day, among the latter being a ketch, or snow, rigs which long ago passed out of fashion, but were not then uncommon. Beneath, on either side, are minor designs, the two on the right representing, the one a fishing vessel off the shore with a boat load of fish being landed and a cart ready to transport it to the flakes; and the other the launch of a vessel which has just slid from the ways and touched the water, the people on shore exhibiting the usual signs of joy and exultation. The two designs on the left represent a fish press in operation, and a vessel at the graving dock with all the appliances in full play. Between these minor designs is the certificate to be attested by the Master and Secretary, and below this is attached the seal. The plate bears the inscription, "A. Northey, Jr., Del.," "S. Hill, Sculp't, Boston."

We have the authority of the late Capt. Jona. Porter Felt

(No. 307 M. S.), whose deep interest in the society, and in every thing relative to our maritime affairs, was constantly manifested, for stating that, when the certificate was voted, the sum of fifteen dollars was appropriated to pay for a design. On enquiry the committee found but one professional man in the town who could do it, and on application to him for that purpose they could not find him sober long enough to make the bargain. If he could not keep sober long enough to make a bargain they concluded that he would not keep sober long enough to complete the work, and so they gave him up. But they discovered that there was a young amateur in town named Abijah Northey, Jr., to whom they applied, and he made the sketch which was accepted. It afforded so much satisfaction that the society added five dollars to the appropriation. Capt. Northey, many years afterwards, in conversation with Capt. Felt about the certificate, informed him that the design was his own, and, after he had finished it, old Capt. Benjamin West, who was one of the committee, and the Master of the society from 1796 to 1808, came into the store where young Northey was then employed, and said to him, "Young man, the certificate you have formed for us gives great satisfaction; I have come to pay you for it,"—at the same time handing to him twenty silver dollars, a sight almost as seldom seen in those days as in our own. Of course, the sum was very acceptable to Mr. Northey, and thankfully received. The lad subsequently became an esteemed shipmaster and a valuable member of the East India Marine Society, but, singularly enough, never joined the old Marine Society, so pleasantly associated with his youthful days.

HARBOR WORK OF THE SOCIETY.

One of the principal ends of the organization, as stated in the charter, was "to improve the knowledge of this coast, by the several members, upon their arrival from sea, communicating their observations, inwards and outwards, of the variations of the needle, soundings, courses and distances, and all other remarkable things about it, in writing, to be lodged with the society, for the making the navigation more safe."

As early as 1769 we find Capt. David Masury reported as handing in directions for sailing from Cape St. Nicholas Mole, on the N. W. Coast of Hispaniola, through the Windward Passage, by Inagua, the Hogsties and Acklin's Island. Nicholas Mole, as most navigators called it, was a free port, a place of considerable trade, and afterwards particularly resorted to by the vessels of America. The town is at the foot of a high bluff called the Mole, and hence the name St. Nicholas Mole. It was celebrated for the extent and safety of the harbor, and strongly fortified as being the key of the Windward Passage. The commerce of Salem with St. Domingo was then increasing, and subsequently became so large with the various ports of the island that its statistics would very much astonish every one of our readers now. Dr. Bentley stated, in 1804, that many of our citizens had formerly derived much wealth from their trade with St. Domingo, but its then condition had obliged a change in our commercial relations with the island. The revolutions and the arbitrary and oppressive rule of the French had compelled this change. "The present Commerce of the Island," wrote Dr. Bentley, at the period referred to, (Nov., 1804,) "is becoming, as in the East, more the commerce of the Government than the Merchant, and as the policy is more arbitrary, the privileges of strangers are more limited. It belongs to the French to reflect on that policy which has created so much misery, and has ruined THE BEST COLONY THAT ANY EUROPEAN NATION EVER PLANTED ON THE GLOBE."

Before the national government assumed the oversight of the harbors and established a system of buoys, beacons and lights, the old Marine Society performed a very useful work in this direction, as a brief abstract of some of its proceedings will show. They buoyed out the sunken rocks, marked the dangerous places, erected a beacon on Baker's Island, arranged sailing directions for entering the harbor, ultimately succeeded in procuring from the government the construction of the light-houses on Baker's Island, and accomplished many other important services in the interests of navigation and commerce. Take a few specimens of the minutes on record, bearing in

mind that the worthy recorder had been more accustomed to handle the marline spike than the pen, to battle with the winds and the waves and learn to bring his good ship safe to port, than to contend with the difficulties of orthography and strive for the laurels of literature, and, although a thorough navigator and seaman, possessed few of the graces of rhetoric. Thus, it is written that, on the 30th of May, 1791, Capt. William Orne, Capt. Simon Forrester, and Capt. Benjamin West were chosen a committee to "araxt a Backon on Backer's Island," the plain English of which is, to erect a Beacon on Baker's Island.

June 30, 1791. Voted £20 from the interest of the Society's funds "for araxtion a Bacon on the Nothen End" of Baker's Island.

July 28, 1791. Voted "that the Bacon on Backer's Iland that is araxted should be panted Red," and that the "Name shuld for Ever go by the Name of ye Marine Society witch is the first founders of the same."

Sept. 29, 1791. Joshua Ward, Capt. John Collins and Capt. Samuel Ingersoll are appointed a committee to buoy out the sunken rocks in and about the harbor of Salem.

Oct. 27, 1791. Voted, that the petition of Mr. Asa Killam be committed to the committee that had the care of building the Bacon, to make what allowance they may think proper.

At the same meeting a committee of seven was appointed "to assist any vessel that should happen to be in distress, with boats or with what help is necessary, and if said person is not able to pay the charge it should be paid by ye said Marine Society."

On the 26th of January, 1792, the committee of correspondence were directed to write to the Marine Societies of Boston and Newburyport respecting the establishment of a lighthouse on Cape Cod.

On the 29th of March, 1791, Capt. Simon Forrester and Capt. Joseph Peabody were appointed a committee to put down the buoys, in the room of Capt. Samuel Ingersoll and Capt. John Collins, gone to sea.

On the 31st of May, 1792, Capt Edward Allen and Capt. Jonathan Haraden were added to the committee on buoys, and

twenty-seven shillings were voted for the deficiency of the balance for the beacon.

On the 28th of June, 1792, it was voted that a spar buoy be put on the Endeavours.

On the 29th of November, 1792, Major Joseph Hiller, Gen. John Fisk, and William Gray, Jr., were chosen a committee to wait on Gen. Lincoln (Collector at Boston) for the purpose of conversing with him respecting erecting a lighthouse on Baker's Island, and also in relation to reimbursing the expense already accrued in erecting a column on the said Island and sinking buoys in Salem harbor or any other purpose they may think necessary.

It was also voted that the committee for sinking the buoys be directed to get some person to see that the buoys be replaced when necessary, and the charges be paid by the society.

On the 29th of November, 1792, the corresponding committee were directed to "write to Congress to know if any thing can be done for our poor brethren prisoners that are confined at Algiers."

These notes will suffice to give some idea of the useful labors of the society in its early days.

Sundry bills which have been preserved are curious and interesting. One, in 1791, charges £1, 10s, for boring the buoys, and 2s for rum for the carpenters while making the buoys. Another, of 1792, has a charge for two and a half days' work "apon the Byes," at 5s per day. Another, of 1793, makes the "Boys in Salem Harbour" Dr. to the amount of £6, 6s, 8½d, and enumerates various expenses for timber, iron work, tar and oil, rocks, drilling holes, paying and putting down "boys," &c. Another of the same year charges £2, 10s, for labor in "taking up Boy on the Endeavours, plugging up and putting down Boy," &c.

There is preserved an original subscription paper, dated July 8, 1791, which recites in substance as follows:

"From the many accidents that has Happen'd & frequent mistakes made by vessels coming into this port in the night

and in thick weather for the want of a landmark to ascertain Baker's Island so called, we the subscribers agree to give for the purpose of building a Beacon on the Northernmost part of said Island the sums by us subscribed, and will pay the same into the hands of the following gentlemen: Capt. Benjamin West, Capt. Simon Forrester, and Capt. William Orne, a Committee of the Marine Society, for the purpose of prosecuting any person or persons that may in anywise injure or destroy the same."

This paper is signed by John Fisk, who subscribes £20 for the society, and by seventy-two others for individual sums, the whole amounting to £89, 0s, 8d, netting with deductions £80, 6s, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

BAKER'S ISLAND BEACON AND LIGHTS.

A letter from the committee of correspondence (Messrs. Fisk, Hiller and Gray,) to Hon. Benjamin Lincoln, Collector at Boston, represents that, on the 29th of November, 1792, "a motion was renewed, to make application to authority, to reimburse the expenses that have arisen in erecting a Beacon on Baker's Island and affixing sundry Buoys at the entrance of the Harbour of Salem, Beverly and Marblehead, and to solicit such further establishments as the safety of navigation in general and this with the neighboring Harbours in particular may require.

"The Society, being informed that you were at present officially engaged in attending to establishments of this kind, appointed the Committee, who have the honour to address you, to represent the expenses that have arisen, and the improvements they conceive may still be made, and to ask your aid and advice on the subject.

"The expense of erecting the Beacon and affixing the Buoys has amounted to four hundred and one dollars (\$401), which has been paid principally by individuals of this Society, and as the benefits arising from them are public and general, they conceive that the expense of effecting them would with propriety be so also; they therefore request your assistance to procure

measures to repay the monies that have been advanced, and provide for future expense.

“ The Beacon erected on Baker’s Island is an octagon of wood, 22 feet at the Base, 11 feet at the Top, and 57 feet in Height, and the annual expense of supporting it, together with the Buoys, is estimated at thirty dollars (\$30). It is seen at a considerable distance by day, and has already been found of essential utility, and evinced the increased advantages that would result from its being equally visible in the night by the addition of a Lantern, in which the Lights, one over another, might be contained, with a small expense.

“ The Buoys, five in number, are fixed upon sunken rocks and other places, to render the navigation still more secure, but an additional number still would be useful.

“ The Committee ask leave further to observe that a Lighthouse upon Cape Cod is an object that has long and zealously engaged the attention and wishes of the Gentlemen in Trade in this Town, and of the Marine Society in particular. They have communicated with other Marine Societies upon the subject, who have appeared equally desirous of an establishment by which so many lives and so much property would probably be annually saved. Active efforts to obtain it have been delayed from information that representation had been made to authority, and that means were in train to effect it. Your advice whether the information has ground, and in what mode this Society can promote a design so greatly benevolent and beneficial, will afford them singular satisfaction.

“ We are, Sir, in behalf of the Marine Society of Salem, with great respect,

Your Humble Servants,

JNO. FISK	} Committee.
JOSEPH HILLER	
WM. GRAY, Jun’r.	

Hon’ble Benja. Lincoln, Esq’re.”

On the 10th of January, 1793, the committee sent a letter to Elbridge Gerry, a native of Marblehead, then a Representative in Congress from the Middlesex District, and George Cabot,

Senator, and Benjamin Goodhue, Representative, both of whom were natives of Salem and both members of the Marine Society, of the following purport :

“The Beacon erected on Baker’s Island, and the Buoys affixed at the entrance of the Harbour of Salem, &c., being of general utility, the Marine Society conceive a propriety in desiring that the expense of establishing and supporting them may be general also ; that the money which has been advanced for the purpose by individuals may be repaid by Government, and provision made for such further establishments as may promote the safety and Interest of Navigation. With a view to obtain these objects, and agreeable to intimation that this was a proper season, application has been made to General Lincoln, by Letter, a copy of which is enclosed for your perusal.

“The Society, knowing your thorough acquaintance with the navigation of this and the neighboring Harbours, and the importance of the objects in view, request your aid and influence to obtain them. A personal representation to the Commissioners of the Revenue, under whose direction General Lincoln has been engaged, would perhaps be essentially useful, but your acquaintance with the business and circumstances will best suggest the mode by which your fellow citizens and the community may thus be benefited.”

All three of the gentlemen addressed promptly acknowledged the receipt of the letter, writing from Philadelphia, where Congress was then in session.

Mr. Gerry replied that the members of Congress written to proposed to confer with the Commissioners of the Revenue, on the subject, and that the result would be communicated by Mr. Goodhue.

Mr. Cabot states, under date of January 31, 1793 :

“This morning I met the Commissioners of Revenue with Mr. Goodhue and Mr. Gerry, to confer upon the expediency of establishing Lights and Buoys at the entrance of the harbour of Salem, Marblehead and Beverly. The utility of such an establishment is sufficiently obvious to engage in its favour the efforts of all commercial men who have any knowledge of the

local circumstances ; but it is our united opinion that the success of your wishes would be promoted by a Petition of the Merchants of those Towns, addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

“ Should the idea be adopted, permit me to request that the Petition be forwarded as soon as possible, in order that it may be considered before the close of the session. It may be sufficient to state generally that a large portion of all the vessels belonging to Massachusetts would be benefited by the proposed measure, and that for the want of it there has been a succession of losses to a great amount. Perhaps it may be well enough to mention the intention of applying to the State Legislature at the time when the Constitution of the United States was forming, and also what has been done by your Society and by individuals. It is usual to sign two copies of petitions, and send one to each House.

“ I pray you, Sir, to assure the Marine Society of my unfeigned good wishes and respect, and believe me, with great personal esteem,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEORGE CABOT.

GENERAL FISK.”

Mr. Goodhue states that with Messrs. Cabot, Gerry and Gen. Lincoln, he waited on Mr. Coxe, who officially has the subject of light-houses, beacons, etc., under his department, and he soon satisfied them that the law respecting those subjects did not embrace the objects the society had in view, and in order to have it effected there must be a new law passed. Mr. Goodhue adds:—

“ We were therefore of opinion it would be best the subject should come before Congress by way of Petition from you in behalf of the Marine Society, stating the expenses you have already been at, and praying for a reimbursement of the same, and that they would cause such other Buoys, and a Light-house, &c., as you may think proper, may be erected, and the expenses of maintaining the same be paid by the United

States. And it would not be amiss, to show the importance of doing it, to mention the probable number of vessels that pass and repass in the course of a year; and to state also the probable expense, which I conceive will be but small, may induce Congress the more readily to grant it. But I need not dictate to you; your own discretion will suggest to you the terms and arguments best to be made use of in your petition, that it may have its due impression.

“The petition ought to be forwarded as soon as possible, in order that, if it can not be wholly effected this session, it may be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be in train for an early decision in the next session. The Law now in being is confined wholly to the maintenance of such as were erected at the time of passing the Law, and does not authorize any person to erect new ones, or maintain any, or reimburse the expenses of such as any individuals may erect afterwards.

“Mr. Cabot was desired by us to write on the subject to you, but my respect for you and the Society over which you preside, constrained me to acknowledge the receipt of your application, although it may be but a repetition of his letter. Be assured, Sir, that no endeavours of mine shall be wanting in giving aid to the accomplishment of your laudable purposes.

“I am, with great respect to the Marine Society and to its President,

Your Friend and Servant,

B. GOODHUE.

John Fisk, Esq're, President of the Marine Society in Salem.”

THE PETITION.

In accordance with the advice and recommendation of the Senator and Representatives heretofore mentioned, a petition of the following purport was forwarded, viz.:

“*To the Honorable Senate and Honorable House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.*

“THE MEMORIAL of the Subscribers, for and in behalf of the Marine Society in Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, being a Committee duly appointed for this purpose, SHEWETH:

“That the said Society was duly incorporated by an Act of

the Legislature of Massachusetts, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two; that one of the principal objects of granting it a Charter was, to improve the knowledge of the Sea Coast in and about Salem, and for rendering the Navigation more safe. That said Salem lies at the Bottom of a small Bay, with the Harbours of Marblehead and Beverly on each side, between which Harbours and the Ocean, there are a number of small Islands or Rocks, and a large Island called Baker's Island; that without and at each end of said Island, are many sunken breakers or Shoals; that the only channel for large Vessels, is at the northern end of that Island, for navigating Vessels, which is difficult at all times, more especially so in dark and tempestuous weather; that, within said Island, there is good anchoring ground, which is generally safe for Vessels; that all said Vessels, which are intended for either of said Harbours, must pass through this Channel; that a Light House on Baker's Island has been long desired, and the want of it has often proved fatal to many Citizens of the United States, and has occasioned the loss of large property; that it has for years past been in contemplation to petition the Legislature of Massachusetts for such an establishment, more particularly so about the commencement of the present happy Government of the United States, since which that measure has been laid aside; that the said Society, steadily attending to, and constantly keeping in view, the principal object of their Institution, did, about two years past, for the purpose of rendering the Navigation along these shores more safe and easy, and at their own expense, erect a Beacon at the North end of Baker's Island, and place six Buoys on as many Rocks within the said Island; that the said Beacon is an Octagon, built of wood, twenty-two feet at the base, eleven feet at the top, and fifty-seven feet high, the whole expense of which, amounting to four hundred and one Dollars and one Cent, has been paid by said Society; that said Beacon has, in clear nights and in the day time, proved of great use to the Mariner, and served to direct him to avoid the Ledges and Shoals, and to guide him in safety to port. But, as some of the breakers lie three miles

or more distant without that Island, the said Beacon, from that distance and without a light, is found to fall far short of the advantages which would arise from it was the same lighted ; that almost all the Coasting and other Vessels coming from the Eastward part of the said State, and many from foreign Voyages, bound to Boston, come within sight of said Island ; that, was a Light House erected there, not only the Navigation owned by Inhabitants of Salem, Marblehead, and Beverly, in particular, but almost all belonging to said State would receive advantage thereby, and that the said Beacon is so constructed that, by a small additional expense, suitable lights might be made thereto.

“ Your Memorialists do therefore pray that this high court of Congress would take the premises into their wise consideration, and would take such measures that a Light House may be constructed at the North end of said Island, and due provision made for the maintaining and supporting the same ; that the Buoys already placed in and about the same may be hereafter maintained by the public, and that the monies already expended by said Society as aforesaid may be repaid.

“ And as in duty bound shall ever pray,

JNO. FISK,	} Committee.
JOSEPH HILLER,	
WM. GRAY, Jun'r.	

February 14, 1793.”

The petition was forwarded to Senator Cabot and Representative Goodhue, to be presented in the respective Houses. Gen. Fisk, in his letter to Mr. Cabot, says : “ Your observation respecting the trade of three towns petitioning, we thought, would take up so much time before it could be completed, that we have taken this mode in order to get the subject in train before the Congress completes this session. The other petition may be sent on the next session.”

Nothing further appears to have been accomplished towards the object desired for two or three years.

On the 31st of October, 1793, Gen. John Fisk, Col. Benjamin Pickman and Mr. William Gray, Jr., were chosen a committee

to confer with the neighboring towns to ascertain the number of vessels trading to Salem and the neighboring ports.

On the 28th of January, 1796, Col. Benjamin Pickman, Capt. William Orne, Mr. William Gray, Jr., Capt. Benjamin West and Capt. John Derby were appointed a committee to petition Congress for a light-house on Cape Cod, and on Baker's Island; and were directed to write to or call on Marblehead, Beverly, Manchester, Cape Ann, Newburyport, and all the seaports to the eastward. The thanks of the society were voted to the previous committee for their trouble in petitioning Congress for the light-house on Baker's Island.

On the 28th of November, 1793, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, Collector of Boston, and Superintendent of Lights, wrote from Beverly to the President of the Marine Society, stating that he had been called upon, by the Commissioners of Revenue, for a complete return of the present state of the establishments of the light-houses, beacons, buoys, &c., in this State, and to report on the improvements, additions, and amendments of which these establishments are capable, or which they appear to require. He informed the society that he thought this the favorable moment, if we wish for any new light-houses or other establishment auxiliary to navigation, to have them mentioned. He adds:

“The Society of which you are the head are good judges of the subject. I therefore wish for your opinion, whether new Light Houses, Buoys, or Beacons, are necessary. If necessary, where. If you shall think proper to give me your opinion on the interesting projects, the sooner the better.”

AN APPLICATION FOR RELIEF.

On the 28th of August, 1794, in addition to the beneficiaries among the members and their families, there was an application for relief from an outsider, one John Hubbard, of Windham, Conn. He stated that, on the first of May, he sailed from Norwich on a fishing voyage to Cape Sable, and on the 25th he was cast away on the Seal Islands, and unfortunately had his left knee bruised in such a manner that thirteen pieces of bone were taken from it, which had left him very lame, far from

home, and destitute of both money and friends. He wished to return to Windham to his family and friends, and any assistance enabling him to defray the expense of his journey, would be received with gratitude. The case not coming within the proper application of the funds of the society, the members gave him a sum of money as private gentlemen, and sent him on his way rejoicing.

LIGHT HOUSE ON CAPE COD.

On the 18th of January, 1796, Thomas Dennie, Master of the Boston Marine Society, wrote to Capt. Jonathan Haraden, Master of the Salem Marine Society, urging the propriety of having a light-house erected on the high lands of Cape Cod. He stated that the importance of such a light had always been admitted not only desirable in a mercantile view, but in the more interesting one of preserving the lives of our seamen. The frequent shipwrecks during the winter months, on that shore, called for the attention of the humane, and it was surely a business not unworthy the consideration of the merchant and insurer. On these grounds the Boston society had unanimously determined to make an immediate application to Congress for this object, and solicited the co-operation of the Salem society. On the 3d of February the draft of their petition was forwarded to the Salem society for their information. It represented that the frequent shipwrecks on Cape Cod rendered every attempt to prevent such melancholy accidents interesting and important, and the erection of a light-house there, was perhaps, the only measure that could aid the navigation, in this respect, upon that dangerous winter coast. The memorialists therefore called the attention of Congress, as the protectors of the commerce and guardians of the lives of the seamen of our common country, to this subject, and solicited, in behalf of their exposed meritorious marine brethren, that an enquiry may be made into the expediency of the measure, and, if found necessary, that a light-house be erected there. The action of the Salem society will appear presently.

During the same month of February, 1796, a petition was

forwarded to Hon. Benjamin Goodhue, who had then become a Senator of the United States, praying for the erection of light-houses on Baker's Island and Cape Cod. The letter enclosing the petition says, among other things :

"We would remark that the revenue arising from the towns of Salem, Marblehead and Beverly, [then about \$300,000 annually,] together with the difficulty of the entrance into our Harbour, authorize us to expect that attention from our Government which we request. * * * We would further observe that Newburyport have a Light House granted to them, and we suppose the revenue arising from that Port is not more than one quarter part of the amount of that from Salem.

"We have written to the towns of Marblehead, Beverly and Manchester, who fully approve of our doings and will send on similar petitions. From the readiness of Congress to encourage the Commerce of their Country, and to remove every obstacle that shall prevent its increase, we have no doubt of their assistance in this particular."

THE PETITION.

"To the Honorable the Senate and the Honorable the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

"THE MEMORIAL of the Marine Society at Salem in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, respectfully SHEWS :

"That much of the property and many of the lives of their Fellow Citizens are almost every year lost in coming into the Harbour of Salem, for want of proper lights to direct their course. That no less than three Vessels with their Cargoes and sixteen Seamen have perished the present season.

"This Calamity can, in the opinion of this Society, be prevented only by erecting a Light House on the Northern End of Baker's Island, which would lessen, if not entirely remove, the peculiar dangers of the navigation into this Harbour.

"That the utility and importance of having a Light House in this place may appear more evident to Congress, their Memorialists beg leave to observe, that vessels coming in from

Sea are directed in their course by a small Light on Thatcher's Island; after passing this they have as much as five leagues to run, in which they are obliged to pass between Baker's Island and the Misery, where the distance between them is not more than three-quarters of a mile, and if they happen to miss the opening between these Islands, they run upon the Breakers and are inevitably lost.

“ The place which this Society think most eligible for erecting a Light House is just by the aforementioned strait, or narrow passage way, upon the Southern side of it. And your Memorialists beg leave further to observe, that they have heretofore expended five hundred Dollars, in erecting a Beacon on said Island, hoping that it might answer the purpose; but on experiment this is found to be of little or no advantage in those difficult cases where its assistance is most needed.

“ Under these circumstances, seeing our Marine Brethren daily exposed to, and often perishing by, dangers which an expense inconsiderable to the Nation might remove or greatly diminish, your Memorialists feel it their duty to make this representation to Congress, and to solicit them, as they regard the lives of our Seamen, and the safety of our Commerce, to make enquiry into the expediency of erecting a Light House in the place proposed, and if they shall find it expedient, as your Memorialists are confident they must, that they will cause the same to be built, in such time and manner and under such regulations as they shall think proper to prescribe.

“ And your Memorialists beg leave further to add, that they fully agree in opinion with the Boston Marine Society, that the most effectual means of preventing the shipwrecks, which so frequently happen upon Cape Cod, would be to erect a Light House upon that Cape. The safety of our Seamen, the interests of humanity and our commerce, would, in our opinion be greatly promoted by the measure, and, from a strong sense of this, your Memorialists join their Boston Brethren in earnestly soliciting the attention of Congress to it.”

The committee on the subject were Benj. Pickman, Wm. Gray, Jr., Benj. West, Wm. Orne, and John Derby, Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Mr. Goodhue acknowledged the letter and petition as follows :

“ PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1796.

“ Gentlemen : I received yours of the 20th ult'o, covering a petition from the Marine Society of Salem, for having a Light House erected on Baker's Island, which I immediately presented, and which is referred to the Committee of Commerce, &c., of which I am Chairman. I wish you to present my best respects to the Society, and assure them that no endeavors of mine shall be wanting, to accomplish so benevolent and useful a design, and that I see no reason to doubt of succeeding. Let me observe, however, that a cession of jurisdiction by our State, conformably to the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1795, must be made over the land on which it is to be erected ; also, the land must be vested in the United States. The first of these had better be done, if possible, before the General Court rises ; the latter as soon as may be. I expect, however, if these things cannot be done in time, the Act may be passed by Congress, depending on their being done as a condition.

“ I am, with great respect,

Your Friend and Servant,

B. GOODHUE.

BENJ. PICKMAN, Esq., and the others of the Committee of the Marine Society in Salem.”

The Congress of the United States promptly authorized the erection of the light-house asked for, by passing the following Act :—

“ *An Act authorizing the erection of a Light-house on Baker's Island, in the State of Massachusetts.*

“ *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to provide by contract, which shall be approved by the President of the United States, for building a light-house on Baker's Island, near the entrance into the harbor of Salem and Beverly, in the State of Massachusetts, (as soon as a*

cession of the jurisdiction, to the United States, over the land proper for the purpose, is made by the said State,) and to furnish the same with all necessary supplies. And also, to agree for the salaries, or wages, of the person or persons, who may be appointed by the President, for the superintendence and care of the same; and that the President be authorized to make the said appointments: That the number or disposition of the light or lights, in the said light-house, be such, as may tend to distinguish it from others, as far as is practicable. And that six thousand dollars be appropriated for the same, out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

“ Approved, April 8, 1796.”

LIGHTED UP.

The lights were duly erected, and on the 23d of November, 1797, General Lincoln wrote to the society as follows :—

“ Gentlemen: Your kind attention to the business of placing the Light Houses on Baker’s Island, so as to render it in the highest degree beneficial to the public, demand my most cordial thanks, which please to accept.

“ One favour more I beg leave to ask, in behalf of our nautical Brethren, &c., that you would favour me with such remarks respecting their approaching to and leaving the Light Houses as may give safety and confidence to all interested. As soon as that can be received and a publication thereof made, I see nothing now which shall prevent the Lamps being lighted. Your attention to this request will add new obligations on

Your Obedient Servant,

B. LINCOLN,

Superintendent of Light Houses, Massachusetts.

The Marine Society, Salem.”

A correspondent of the *Gazette*, November 21, 1797, says :

“ Baker’s Island Light House will be of the greatest future advantage to the foreign and coasting trade of Salem and the adjacent towns. It has been long hoped for by every citizen having the public interest at heart, and it is now almost or

quite finished, and we understand the keeper (Mr. Chapman) is appointed. The way-worn and weather beaten traveller of the sea will now be enabled, by this new light, to gain this port in times of difficulty and danger. These are almost peculiar to our Northern coast in the winter season ; and as this is fast approaching, we suggest the propriety of an early attention to the lights ; and hope it will not be many days more before we shall have the pleasure to announce that the ' lamps are lighted and burning ' on Baker's Island."

On the 4th of December, Capts. Mason, Orne, Collins, West and Lander were chosen a committee to answer Gen. Lincoln's letter ; and at an adjourned meeting, two days subsequently, their report was presented and adopted, and ordered to be printed. Accordingly, on the 19th of December, 1797, appears a notification of the sailing directions for entering Salem harbor, prepared by a committee of the Marine Society, consisting of Jonathan Mason, Benjamin West, John Collins, Peter Lander and William Orne, certified by Benj. West, Master, and Jona. Mason, Clerk, as having been read, approved and ordered to be published, at a meeting of the society, held at Marine Hall, on Wednesday, 6th of December, 1797.

The report states that Baker's Island is about three-eighths of a mile long, tending about North and South ; the light-house is on the northernmost end of said Island, with two lights ; those lights are about forty feet from each other, ranging N. W. 1-4 W. and S. E. 1-4 E., the South light ninety-five feet from the surface of the water, and the North light seventy-eight feet.

The first lighthouse was a long wooden structure, the keeper's residence being in the centre and the lights on either end. It was raised Sept. 16, 1797, and the lights were shown Jan. 3, 1798. The first keeper was Capt. George Chapman (M. S. No. 186), born in 1740, died March 20, 1824, at the age of 84. He left a widow with whom he had lived in wedlock sixty-two years, and a numerous progeny. He became a member of the Marine Society on the 30th of June, 1796.

THE BEACON.

On the 30th of November, 1797, the society voted that the Beacon remain till Congress be petitioned to pay for the same; and Col. Benjamin Pickman, Capt. Ichabod Nichols and Mr. John Jenks were appointed a committee to petition Congress to pay for the beacon and buoys, or, as the record has it, "Bacon and Boy," and that the petition be handed to Mr. Sewall.

On the 4th of December, the committee were instructed to take off the top of the beacon, and on the 28th, they reported that it had been cut off as directed. On the 29th of March, 1798, Captains Collins and Pickman, and Mr. Jenks were continued a committee to sell the beacon, and were instructed to dispose of the same on the best terms they can, the following advertisement having been published about the last of November, 1797:—

TO BE SOLD.

A building commonly known by the name of the Beacon, standing upon Baker's Island. For terms apply to

Capt. JOHN COLLINS.

Salem, Nov. 27, 1797.

The beacon was accordingly sold, and on the cash book of the society, under date of June 28, 1798, appears the entry: Received for Beacon on Baker's Island, \$50.00.

The committee appointed to petition Congress for a refund of the money expended on beacons and buoys, sent to Mr. Goodhue the following letter

"SALEM, December 14, 1797.

"Sir. The Marine Society of this Town erected on Baker's Island a Beacon, and placed several Buoys at the entrance of the Harbour. The expense incurred on these objects was mostly from the funds of the Marine Society. Such expenditure of the funds was not the original design of the Institution, and the fund has thereby been lessened; and in consequence thereof they can not distribute so much to the necessities of poor Widows and Fatherless Children, as otherwise they would

be able to do. The United States having passed an Act relative to Buoys and Beacons being placed at the entrance of large Commercial Harbours, &c., the Marine Society entertain an idea that, upon a proper presentation of the humane principles upon which the Society is formed, and the appropriation of the income of their funds to so benevolent a purpose, that the monies they have expended on those objects would be refunded to the Society by the United States.

“Accordingly a Committee was chosen for petitioning for a refund as before mentioned. As you are acquainted with the circumstances and know everything relative to the business, before the Committee took any step in the affair they thought best to take your opinion upon the propriety of such an application, whether it can be done with Honour and Credit, and of the probability of its obtaining. Your opinion and answer to the request will much oblige

Your Friends and Humb. Servants,

BENJA. PICKMAN,
ICHABOD NICHOLS, } Committee.
JOHN JENKS.

Hon’ble Benja. Goodhue, Esq’re, Philadelphia.”

Mr. Goodhue’s reply was as follows:—

“PHILADELPHIA, December 26, 1797.

“Gentlemen: I have waited upon the Secretary of the Treasury with your Letter of the 14th inst. His reply was, that the subject of Beacons and Buoys had as yet been imperfectly provided for by Congress, and still more imperfectly managed by the Commissioner of the Revenue, Tenche Coxe, under whose charge, subordinate to the Secretary of the Treasury, this subject has been placed.

“Tenche Coxe has lately been removed by the President, and the vacancy has not yet been filled. As soon as it is, he will endeavor to have the business systematical. Under these circumstances his opinion was, that I had better advise you to postpone your application to the next session.

“I am, with great respect,

Your Friend and Servant,

B. GOODHUE.”

It has been thought, by some members of the society, that a claim against the United States Government might justly be prosecuted, for the sums advanced as above indicated, and action was taken in relation thereto a year since, 1871, with what result the records will show.

The only other letter on this subject, that is recorded, is of a date some years later, and is as follows :—

“TREASURY DEPARTMENT, April 4, 1807.

“Sir : Congress have passed an Act, authorizing a sufficient number of Buoys and Beacons to be placed on or near the Rocks and Shoals in the Channel leading into the harbour of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, and appropriated fifteen hundred Dollars therefor. I have therefore to request that you will cause an examination to be made, and report to me the kind and number of Buoys and Beacons that will be necessary, and the probable expense thereof.

“I have the honor to be respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

ALBERT GALLATIN.

Benjamin Lincoln, Esq., Superintendent of Light Houses in Massachusetts.”

At a special meeting, June 5, 1807, Clifford Byrne, Benj. Henderson and James Cheever, (the latter not a member of the society,) were chosen a committee, to consist of five, two others being chosen by the East India Marine Society, for the purpose of ascertaining the kind and number of buoys and beacons wanted at or near the mouth of Salem harbor, and of reporting to Benjamin Lincoln, Esq., agreeably to a letter received by him, of April 4th, from Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury.

At a special meeting, May 5, 1808, Capts. Benj. West, John Osgood, Samuel Endicott, and Benj. Carpenter were chosen a committee, to act in conjunction with one from the East India Marine Society, upon the object of the appropriations of \$1500 and \$5000 (in all \$6500), made by Congress to refund the expense of placing buoys and beacons at and near the rocks and shoals in the channel leading into the harbor of Salem,

agreeably to a letter received by Col. William R. Lee from Gen. Lincoln.

There is no copy of this last letter to be found, nor are there any indications upon the records that any report was ever made by the committee, or that any thing was ever refunded to the society for the expenses incurred in erecting and sustaining the beacons and buoys.

BAKER'S ISLAND LIGHTS.

In 1816, for what reason we do not know, the double light on Baker's Island was discontinued, and but one was shown. This arrangement was prolonged until 1820, much dissatisfaction existing meanwhile. On the 7th of February, 1820, a town meeting was held in Marblehead, and resulted in the appointment of John Prince, W. Elliott, Nathan B. Martin and Nathaniel Hooper, as a committee to make inquiry into the subject, and to collect such information as might be in their power, and they were fully authorized to act in any particular as they thought would be for the general interest. The committee addressed a letter to the Salem Marine Society, stating the facts of the Marblehead meeting in reference to "the derangement of Baker's Island Light since the alteration from two to one, which," they say, "is complained of by all our people who pass it, without mentioning the losses that have been and may be expected." "It is our opinion," they add, "from the general complaint against the present Light, that the subject is of great importance. We have therefore taken the liberty to suggest it thus far to you, that we may have the opinion of your town or Society."

The society promptly acted upon the suggestion, and appointed Joseph Peabody and Willard Peele a committee to co-operate with the Marblehead committee in this important matter. The result of the joint action was that the double light was restored, and the new light-houses were lighted on the 18th of October, 1820, and have continued to the present time. There is now a proposition from the Light House Board to change the range, for the better accommodation of navigators,

by extending the distance between the two lights, and an appropriation has been made by Congress for this purpose.

WASHINGTON FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

Among the few occasions, on which the society has participated in public parades or ceremonies, was the observance of the obsequies of Gen. Washington, by the town authorities and people of Salem. After the news of Washington's death was received, and while the arrangements were maturing for the funeral observances, the following letter was addressed to the Marine Society :

“ SALEM, Dec'r 24, 1799.

“ Gentlemen : The Salem Military Society, impressed with the deepest sorrow on the melancholy event of the sudden death of General Washington, and desirous of testifying, in some public manner, their sincere and most affectionate regard, esteem and veneration for that most excellent character, at a meeting convened for the purpose have advised that application should be made to some suitable person to prepare a Funeral Oration to be delivered at one of the Houses of Public Worship. The Society have chosen a Committee to make arrangements necessary to accomplish the object, and with all due consideration they do now address the respectable Marine Society of the Town of Salem and request that they would concur, and unite with them in the measure, provided that it meets with their approbation. The concurrence and assistance of the Society are peculiarly requisite on the occasion. The countenance and support of so respectable a body will add that dignity and consequence worthy the object we wish to commemorate, and will be a tribute of gratitude justly due to such distinguished merit.

“ With the most respectful sentiments we take leave to subscribe, in the name of the Military Society, .

JOHN PAGE,
JOHN PUNCHARD, } Committee.
JONA. WALDO.

The Marine Society, at the Marine Hall.”

At a meeting of the society on the 26th of December, the

letter was read, and Col. Benj. Pickman, Major Joseph Hiller and Benj. Pickman, Jr., were appointed a committee to carry the above request into effect, and were authorized to invite any other society to join them in paying this tribute of respect on the death of Gen. Washington.

As some of our younger readers may not be familiar with the local proceedings of that day, it will interest them to learn how the death of the father of his country was regarded by their ancestors and what honors were paid to his memory.

Washington died, as they well know, on Saturday, the 14th of December, 1799, and the first intelligence of his death, brought by a passenger in the stage from New York, was received in Salem on Monday evening, Dec. 23. The afflicting sensation produced by the melancholy tidings was universal. The next day, by direction of the Selectmen, the bells were tolled at sunrise and through the day, the shipping displayed their colors at half-mast, and minute guns were fired on the Common by a detachment of the Artillery, from three to four o'clock, at which time the shops in town were closed. On the next Sunday the clergy preached funeral discourses, several, if not all, of the churches being hung in black, to continue so for the succeeding three months. The pupils of Mrs. Rogers, a celebrated teacher, exhibited a very appropriate badge of mourning, consisting of a rosette and bracelet, with the initials G. W. in a cipher, and a heart appended, presented by their preceptress. The officers and soldiers of the militia, in obedience to General Orders, wore their military uniforms every Sunday for six months, with a black crape upon the left forearm, just above the cuff, the hilts of the officers' swords being also covered with black.

On Monday, Dec. 30, the people held a town meeting at the Court House, and voted unanimously to adopt suitable measures to testify their deep sorrow for the loss the community had sustained by the death of Gen. Washington, and the high respect they entertained for the exalted character of the deceased, appointing a committee of fifteen to carry this vote into full effect. The committee consisted of William Prescott,

(Judge P., the father of the late eminent historian,) as Chairman ; the two Pickmans, (Benjamin Senior and Junior,) Col. John Page, Dr. Lynde Oliver, Major Amos Hovey, Jona. Waldo, Wm. Gray, Jr., (the celebrated merchant, afterwards Lieut. Governor,) Joseph Hiller, John Norris, Joshua Ward, Capt. Benjamin Hodges, Gen. Stephen Abbot, Capt. Jacob Crowninshield and Capt. Wm. Marston. It was also voted :

“That the Town will erect an handsome and durable monument to the memory of General Washington, and that the Committee before named be directed to ascertain the expense necessary for this purpose.”

At this, and a subsequent meeting on the 13th of January, it was also voted that the citizens wear a badge of mourning for sixty days ; that copies of the sermons of the clergy, and Washington's Farewell Address, be printed together in a volume, and a copy be delivered to every head of a family in the town—this vote being afterwards modified by directing that one hundred copies of the sermons, Bentley's Eulogy and the Farewell Address be printed in a volume, forty copies to be deposited in the Grammar School under the direction of the School Committee, and sixty given to the clergymen ; that the expense of these and of the statue or monument, provided the sum did not exceed six thousand dollars, should be levied according to a form of subscription adopted in town meeting, whereby the subscribers agreed to contribute in proportion to the sums they were severally assessed in the last State tax. A committee of two from each ward, at the head of which was Judge Putnam, was chosen to present the paper to the inhabitants ; the assessors were directed to furnish the tax lists to the committee ; and the latter, after completing the subscription, were to return the same to the assessors, who were to apportion and assess the \$6000 upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants, and deliver to the collectors of taxes, for collection and payment to the town treasurer. What was the final action in this matter we have not discovered.

The funeral honors were paid on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1800. A procession was formed at the Court House, and consisted of

the inhabitants, divided into four classes of ages ; officers of the late American army ; strangers of distinction, and clergy of the neighboring towns ; magistrates ; the various town officers ; committee of arrangements ; clergy of the town, with the orator, Rev. Dr. Bentley. The whole were under escort of the Independent Company of Cadets, (then commanded by Abel Lawrence, Esq.,) who marched in inverted order, with arms reversed and drums muffled. The procession moved from Court street at 11 o'clock, the music playing a dead march ; passed through Church, Essex, Beckford and Federal streets, to the North meeting-house, which then stood on the corner of North and Lynde streets, where, as the paper of the day states, the Rev. Dr. Barnard addressed the Almighty in a suitably pathetic and affecting prayer ; and the Rev. Dr. Bentley pronounced an elegant and classical eulogy. The dirges played by the band, at the proper intervals, were solemn and affecting. After the services, the procession returned to the Court House, and the cadets concluded the funeral honors by firing three volleys ; the drums were then unmuffled, and the company marched off to the tune of the President's March. During the procession minute guns were discharged by a detachment of Capt. Gould's Artillery, stationed on the common. All places of business were closed, and the people with one accord joined in the solemn commemoration.

There can be no doubt that the Marine Society formed a very conspicuous feature in the procession. Those shipmasters of the old school were a sturdy race, faithful and fearless and their stalwart forms and rolling gait, and weather beaten countenances, with the remembrance of their experiences, could not fail to make a sensation, even in those days when such sights and reminiscences were as familiar as household words. Many of them had been distinguished naval heroes in the war of the Revolution, and all were of a type and mould now nearly obliterated by the changes and triumphs of the advancing years. A daguerreotype view of the society as it appeared on that day would now be a treasure well worth possessing, but Daguerre was then a school-boy and his valuable art, like a hundred others of our time, was all unknown.

On the succeeding 22d of February, (Saturday,) the anniversary of Washington's birth, divine service was performed in the several houses of religious worship; and, at St. Peter's Church, Mr. Ezekiel Savage delivered a pathetic eulogy. In the afternoon, the pupils of Mr. Bigelow's academy pronounced select and striking passages from the best eulogies which had appeared, before a numerous company at Concert Hall. The day was generally observed as a day of mourning throughout the United States, in accordance with a proclamation from President Adams, issued by the authority of Congress.

LAWRENCE AND LUDLOW OBSEQUIES.

Thirteen years later, the society once more appeared in a public procession, in accordance with the following vote:—

“At a Special Meeting of the Salem Marine Society, August 16, 1813:

“*Voted*, That the Marine Society shall attend the Procession of the late James Lawrence, Esq., Commander of the United States Frigate Chesapeake.”

The memorable action between the Chesapeake and Shannon, and the excitement occasioned thereby, are still well remembered by our older citizens. It was fought on the 1st of June, 1813, in our bay, and many of our people witnessed it from the heights in the vicinity, Legge's Hill being a very prominent point of view, and the sound of the guns was heard far inland. The unfortunate result is well known. Lawrence was only in his thirty-second year, but had before distinguished himself for his bravery and skill.

The famous expression of the dying hero will never be forgotten. After he had been mortally wounded and carried below, he issued from the cock-pit his memorable orders—“keep the guns going”—“fight her till she strikes or sinks”—and when he knew that the enemy had carried the spar deck, he sent the emphatic message to the gun deck, “DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP.”

“A hero on his vessel's deck
Lay weltering in his gore,
And tattered sail and shattered wreck
Told that the fight was o'er;

But e'en when death had glazed his eye,
 His feeble, quivering lip
 Still uttered, with life's latest sigh,
 'DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP.'

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"Oh, let these words your motto be,
 Whatever ill's befall ;
 Though foes beset, and pleasures flee,
 And passion's wiles enthrall ;
 Though danger spreads her ready snare
 Your erring steps to trip,
 Remember that dead hero's prayer,
 And 'DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP !' "

No officer was left on the deck of the Chesapeake undisa-
 bled, higher in rank than a midshipman.

It was several weeks before the full particulars were received,
 and then arrangements were made to recover the remains of
 Capt. Lawrence, in order that the rites of sepulture might be
 bestowed upon them in his native country. The patriotic
 merchants and navigators of Salem took the lead in this
 matter. Capt. George Crowninshield, Jr., projected the un-
 dertaking, and fitted and provisioned the brig Henry entirely
 at his own expense, had her commissioned with a flag of truce,
 and sailed for Halifax for the purpose of soliciting the body.
 The Henry was manned by Salem shipmasters who volunteered
 their services to perform the voyage. They were nearly, if
 not quite, all members of the Salem Marine Society, and
 consisted of Capt. George Crowninshield, Jr., commander ;
 Capt. Holten J. Breed, first officer ; Capt. Samuel Briggs,
 second officer ; Capts. Benjamin Upton, Jeduthan Upton, Jr.,
 John Sinclair, Joseph L. Lee, Stephen Burchmore, Thomas
 Bowditch and Thorndike Proctor, crew ; Mark Messervey,
 cook, and Nathaniel Cummings, steward. The brig sailed
 from Salem on Saturday, August 7, and returned on Wednes-
 day, August 18, after an absence of eleven days, with the
 bodies of Capt. James Lawrence and Lieut. Augustus C.
 Ludlow, both victims of the sea fight off our shores.

Preparations had been made meanwhile for the funeral
 observances on a scale of unwonted and imposing magnitude ;

and on Monday, August 23, 1813, they were carried into effect. Captains Hull, Stewart, Bainbridge, Blakely, Creighton and Parker, of the U. S. Navy, were the pall-bearers for Captain Lawrence, and Lieutenants Ballard, Wilkinson, Hoffman, Nicholson, Reilly and Norris, for Lieutenant Ludlow. The Vice President of the United States, Elbridge Gerry; Ex-Lieut. Gov., Wm. Gray; Hon. Samuel Dexter; Maj. Gen. Dearborn, Brig. Gen. Cushing, and very many other officers of the army and navy, and civilians of distinction, were present, and upon no previous occasion had a greater number of persons been assembled in Salem. The Boston South-end Artillery, with the famous Revolutionary brass field pieces, "Hancock" and "Adams," marched to town on Sunday night, to assist in the funeral honors.

The day was unclouded, and, says the contemporary account, as if no incident should be wanting to crowd the mind with melancholy and woe, the wind blew from the same direction and the sea presented the same unruffled surface as was exhibited to our anxious view, when, on the memorable first day of June, we saw the immortal Lawrence proudly conducting his ship to action. Early in the morning, almost every vessel in the harbor and at the wharves, and all the flagstuffs in town, wore the American ensign at half mast, and many flags were displayed in the street where the procession formed. The brig Henry, containing the precious relics, clad in sable, lay at anchor in the harbor. At half-past twelve o'clock, they were placed in barges, and, preceded by a long procession of boats filled with seamen uniformed in blue jackets and trowsers, with a blue ribbon on their hats, bearing the motto of "Free Trade and Sailor's Rights," were rowed by minute strokes to the end of India (now Phillips) wharf, where the hearses were ready to receive them. From the time the boats left the brig until the bodies were landed, the U. S. brig Rattlesnake, and the brig Henry in which they were brought, alternately fired minute guns. The immense concourse of citizens which covered the wharves, stores and house tops to view the boats, the profound silence which pervaded the atmosphere, broken

only by the sad reverberation of the minute guns, rendered this part of the solemnities peculiarly grand and impressive. On the bodies being placed upon the hearses, they were covered with the colors which they had so lately and so signally honored, and conveyed at a suitable distance for the procession to form.

The procession was formed at the head of India wharf, under the direction of Major John Saunders, and moved to slow and solemn music, escorted by the Salem Light Infantry, Capt. James Charles King, through a part of Derby street, Hardy, Essex, North, Lynde, Court, Church and Brown streets, to the Rev. Mr. Spaulding's meeting house in Howard street, where the funeral oration was pronounced by Hon. Joseph Story, and the rites of sepulture performed by Rev. Mr. Henshaw of Marblehead, Capt. Peabody's company of Artillery firing minute guns from Washington Square.

The procession was such, in point of respectability and numbers, as was never before witnessed in Salem. In addition to those we have named, it included a great number of military officers of the State in uniform; the Salem Marine and East India Marine Societies, wearing their badges of distinction; Masonic societies, and an immense concourse of respectable private citizens from the adjacent towns and country. Independent of the procession, the sidewalks, and houses to their very tops, were covered with spectators, which, together with the melancholy knell of the bells, the mournful sound of the music, the constant ringing of cannon, and the slow and solemn pace of the procession, gave to the whole an interest of which it would be vain to attempt a description.

On arriving at the meeting house, the corpses were taken from the funeral cars, and placed in the centre of the church by the seamen who rowed them on shore, and who stood, during the whole of the performance, leaning upon them in an attitude of mourning. The church was most tastefully hung with sable, cypress and evergreen. The names of "LAWRENCE" and "LUDLOW" appeared in letters of gold, encircled by festoons of evergreen, immediately on the front of the desk.

The rites of sepulture were performed with great solemnity. The music was good and appropriate, and the eulogy was such an one as made veterans weep. After the performances were concluded in the meeting house, the faithful seamen conveyed the remains into the quiet tomb, and the Masonic societies and military paid the last ritual homage to the immortal Lawrence and Ludlow.

The bells in Boston were tolled at the same time, the flags were displayed at half mast on the shipping in the harbor, and minute guns were fired from the frigate Constitution and other vessels there.

The bodies were temporarily deposited in the tomb of Capt. George Crowninshield, in the Howard street cemetery, and on the 3d of September they were conveyed to the Navy Yard at Charlestown and thence to New York by land, for interment there in Trinity churchyard. Generous and distinguished funeral honors were paid to the deceased in Halifax, as well as in Salem and New York.

The first monument to Lawrence (which became dilapidated, so that, in 1847, the remains were removed and the present handsome mausoleum was erected to the memory of Lawrence and Ludlow, by the Trinity Church vestry,) was ordered by the corporation of the city of New York, and bore the following inscription:—

“In memory of Captain JAMES LAWRENCE, of the United States Navy, who fell on the first day of June, 1813, in the thirty-second year of his age, in the action between the frigates *Chesapeake* and *Shannon*. He distinguished himself on various occasions, but particularly when he commanded the sloop of war *Hornet*, by capturing and sinking his Britannic Majesty's sloop of war *Peacock*, after a desperate action of fourteen minutes. His bravery in action was only equalled by his modesty in triumph and his magnanimity to the vanquished. In private life he was a gentleman of the most generous and endearing qualities, and so acknowledged was his public worth, that the whole nation mourned his loss, and the enemy con-

tended with his countrymen who most should honor his remains."

On the reverse were the words :—

"The hero whose remains are here deposited, with his expiring breath expressed his devotion to his country. Neither the fury of battle, the anguish of a mortal wound, nor the horrors of approaching death could subdue his gallant spirit. His dying words were, 'DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP!'"

Ludlow, his Lieutenant, was only twenty-one years old. He entered the navy at the age of twelve, and was a youth after Lawrence's own heart.

Capt. Broke, of the Shannon, was also badly wounded in the same action. But he recovered, was made a Baronet and Knight Commander of the Bath, became Rear Admiral of the Red in the British Navy, and died January 3, 1841, at the age of sixty-five.

PARADES.

The society has never been much in favor of appearing in public processions, and has done so only at long intervals and on memorable occasions.

On the 29th of June, 1826, they voted to join the 4th of July procession, and did parade on that day, in celebration of the *Fiftieth Anniversary* of American Independence.

They declined the invitation of the Essex Historical Society, in September, 1828, to appear in the procession in celebration of the second centennial of the landing of Endicott, on account of so many of the members belonging to the same, to the East India Marine Society, and other associations that were to join. They also declined an invitation to appear in the procession on the 4th of July, 1831.

On the 25th of October, 1848, the society participated in the celebration, by invitation of the City Government of Boston, of the introduction of Cochituate water into the metropolis. They united in the procession with their brethren of the Salem East India Marine Society, the two societies combining together as one, for mutual convenience. Their experience on this

occasion was not such as to induce them to look with favor upon public parades of the organization ; and accordingly when, in August, 1850, they received another invitation from the Boston City Government to participate in the funeral ceremonies in honor of President Taylor, they respectfully declined to appear in the procession.

At the Boston Water Celebration our two Marine Societies made a very fine appearance. They were escorted by the Light Infantry, with the Salem Brass Band, and each member wore a handsome anchor on his coat as a badge. The beautiful ship *Friendship*, with a smaller vessel, and the *Palanquin* (famous in the old-time processions of the E. I. M. S.), with negro bearers dressed in white Oriental costume, accompanied them, and likewise a native Arab and Chinese, each in his national dress. They also had a handsome banner and other devices, and attracted a great deal of notice. We think that they have not marched in a procession since that time ; at any rate, their public parades have been few and far between.

THE ALGERINES.

On the 29th of November, 1792, it was

" Voted, That the Committee of Correspondence be desired to write to Congress, to know if any thing can be done for our poor brethren prisoners that are confined at Algiers."

As early as 1785 the Algerine Corsairs captured two vessels from the United States, and consigned their crews, twenty-one in number, to slavery. Some years later ten more were captured and more than a hundred American seamen were consigned to slavery among these barbarians. The Dey made money out of the practice by demanding large sums for the release of Christian captives, (from \$1800 to \$4000 for each person,) and the European governments had been in the habit of acceding to his demands and of paying him an annual tribute. The United States finally (in 1805) followed in their footsteps, made a treaty with the pirate, and the captives were at length released on the payment of a large sum of money, and an agreement on the part of the United States to pay to the Dey of Algiers an annual tribute. The amount to be paid

down was \$800,000, and, in addition, they were to present to the Dey a frigate worth one hundred thousand dollars. The amount of annual tribute money was twenty-five thousand dollars. This was humiliating, but could not then well be avoided. Some of the members of this society were among the captives, and we think that some of them were lost before reaching home, the vessel in which they took passage never having been heard from after passing the Straits of Gibraltar.

In February, 1794, the masters, mates and crews of five American ships, five brigs and three schooners were in slavery in Algiers, two of which vessels were captured in 1785, ten in 1793, and one in 1794. Out of thirteen masters, eleven mates, two supercargoes, four second mates and eighty-four seamen, only four had been redeemed on the 27th of February, 1794. Of the remaining one hundred and twenty-six, twenty had died previous to the last visitation of Algiers by the plague, and, since that awfully desolating period, it was presumed that the number of these unfortunate victims had been reduced to seventy or eighty individuals.

On the 10th of February, 1795, there appeared a notice to the inhabitants of Salem, requesting them to attend a meeting to be held at the Court House that evening at six o'clock :

“ For the purpose of taking into consideration the unhappy situation of the unfortunate prisoners at Algiers, and to devise some method for carrying into effect a general collection for their relief, on Thursday, the 19th day of the present month. This meeting is called by the desire of several of the reverend clergy and other respectable citizens of this town, who wish to have some system formed that will meet the acceptance of the inhabitants, previous to the day of contribution. The truly deplorable fate of these miserable captives, loudly calls for your commiseration, and the fervent prayers they have addressed to you from their gloomy prisons, ought to soften the most adamant heart. They intreat you, in the most impassioned language, not to leave them to despair, but, as prisoners of hope, let those of them who still survive the plague, pestilence and famine, anticipate the day that shall

relieve them from the cruel scourge of an Infidel, and restore them to the arms of their long bereaved friends and country.

“It is hoped the humane and benevolent will attend, that charity may not be defeated of her intended sacrifice, on the auspicious festival, when the New World shall all be assembled, and United America shall offer up her tribute of Praise and Thanksgiving, at the altars of God.”

This was a day of national thanksgiving ordered by proclamation of President Washington. Considerations of a public nature prevented this movement from being carried into effect.

The disgrace of paying tribute to the Algerines was wiped out by Decatur and Bainbridge in 1815, and the United States were the first of the nations to free themselves from this odious subjection. The Mediterranean pirates had continued their depredations, and on the 2d of March, 1815, war was declared against Algiers. In the short space of four months it was brought to an honorable termination, and Decatur and Shaler, the American commissioners, concluded a treaty on favorable terms. The American squadron put in at Gibraltar, and an officer wrote that “it was a proud sight for an American to see in a British port, just at the close of a war with her, which the English thought would have been the destruction of our navy, a squadron of seventeen sail, larger than our whole navy at the commencement of that war. * * You have no idea of the respect which the American character has gained by our late wars. The Spaniards, especially, think we are devils incarnate: as we beat the English, who beat the French, who beat them, whom nobody ever beat before—and the Algerines, whom the devil himself could not beat.”

It was said that the Dey of Algiers very reluctantly gave up all idea of receiving tribute from the Americans, and alleged, among other things, that other nations, if he consented, might take advantage of it, and perhaps unite and occasion his destruction. It was not the amount or value of the sum he was particular about, but the receiving something annually of the Americans would add to his security, if it were only a little powder. Com. Decatur observed, that he thought it very prob-

able, if he insisted upon receiving powder of the Americans as tribute, his wishes would be gratified, but he must certainly expect to receive balls with it. His Deyship very wisely gave up the point. This ended the trouble with the Algerines, and opened the way for the European nations to rid themselves of tribute money to the Corsairs.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Among the various subjects of commercial interest, which have from time to time engaged the attention of the society, have been the establishment of light-houses outside of the port of Salem, the examination of charts, the placing of beacons and of buoys as already intimated, the appointment of pilots and the regulation of pilotage fees, the condition of sick sailors, the coast survey, &c., &c.

On the 26th of January, 1792, it was voted that the Committee of Correspondence be desired to write to the Marine Societies of Boston and Newburyport, to know their minds respecting a light-house on Cape Cod.

On the 22d of February, 1798, it was voted that the letter of Capt. Coombs, Master of the Newburyport Marine Society, be read, and the answer concerning a draft of St. George's Bank and Cape Cod.

Captains Benj. West, John Collins, Peter Lander, John Osgood, Wm. Orne (afterwards excused and Benj. Crowninshield substituted), Ichabod Nichols and Thomas Webb were appointed a committee to examine Blunt's Chart of George's Bank.

March 31, 1814, a committee was appointed to act with a committee of the East India Marine Society on the subject of pilotage; and in March, 1815, committees from the two societies were chosen for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting the kind and number of buoys and beacons wanted at or near the mouth of Salem harbor.

At a meeting of the Salem Marine Society, March 28, 1816, the President handed a letter from the Boston Marine Society, to consult with similar societies, and such individuals as they

may think fit, on the expediency of addressing a memorial to Congress, requesting them to cause to be surveyed the coast of the United States, from the east end of Long Island to the northeast extremity of the Province of Maine, with all the shoals that may there exist—particularly the shoal of Nantucket and George's. Capts. Ichabod Nichols, Joseph Peabody and John Osgood were appointed a committee to consult with a similar committee from the Salem East India Marine Society.

This movement appears to have subsequently led to the establishment of the admirable coast survey system of the United States, now and for many years past in such successful operation.

On the 24th of February, 1820, a committee was chosen from the Marine Society, to act in conjunction with a committee from the town of Marblehead, upon the subject of placing a light-house on or near the harbor of Marblehead and Salem, agreeably to a letter received from the selectmen, dated Marblehead, Feb. 16, 1820.

On the 22d of February, 1827, the society voted, and approved of two lights to be immediately erected on Ipswich harbor, authorizing the Master to sign a certificate in favor of the same.

On the 26th of July, 1827, Joseph Peabody, Stephen Phillips, Willard Peele and Pickering Dodge were chosen a committee to co-operate with the East India Marine Society in the regulation of pilots and pilotage in Boston and Salem.

In February, 1849, a committee to examine the Forbes rig, made a report commending this improvement as follows :

“ The undersigned, a committee appointed by the members of the Salem Marine Society, at a meeting held February 22, 1849, to examine a pamphlet transmitted to them by Capt. R. B. Forbes of Boston, describing improvements introduced by him into vessels of the Mercantile Marine of the United States, beg leave to report :—

“ That they have given the pamphlet an attentive perusal, and find a full description of the improvements introduced by Capt. Forbes, which appear judicious, uniting economy with

safety ; and the numerous facts therein stated, together with the information obtained from reliable sources, show that the improvements are valuable and are worthy the attention of ship owners in the United States. Capt. Forbes has, in addition to his own, included all valuable improvements that had previously been brought into the Mercantile Marine of the country.

“ The Committee feel warranted in saying, that ships, with the improvements of Capt. Forbes, will be better adapted to the European, East India, China and Pacific trade, than those at present in general use ; and that, while the interest of the ship owner is receiving a material benefit, the Sailor will be relieved from a portion of the hardest labor performed in ships at present in use.

“ All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. P. FELT.

JOSIAH SPALDING.”

The report was accepted and endorsed by the society.

MEMORIAL.

In 1851, the society adopted the following memorial :

“ *To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.*

“ The Salem Marine Society of the City of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, beg leave to call the attention of your Honorable body to the condition of American Seamen, at home and abroad, in cases of sickness and poverty.

“ From the want of adequate provision for them in Public Hospitals, and from the heavy expense incident to the proper care of them in private houses, they suffer and die in great numbers.

“ The benefits of medical aid and comfort in foreign ports, enjoyed by others, are hardly ever obtained by them, and, in consequence, after obtaining such comforts and attention as the ships they are attached to and the officers can give, they are frequently brought home and placed in our Marine Hospitals, where, from the laws regulating these Institutions, their

stay is limited, and they are often dismissed not sufficiently restored to fit them for active service, and, from necessity, become paupers, or tenants of public Almshouses—many of them preferring Death rather than this degradation.

“ In view of their condition, your Memorialists beg leave to solicit from your Honorable Body that measures may be taken to ascertain the amount in the Public Treasury, accrued from the Seaman’s monthly contribution as Hospital Money, as well as from unclaimed sums due deceased seamen, and uncalled for Prize Money, and that therefrom provision may be made, in such manner as your Honorable Body may deem best, for the maintenance of American Seamen who are infirm, and unfit for service from sickness, age, or any other cause.

“ And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

“ Salem, Dec. 25, 1851.”

In February, 1855, the society authorized the officers to co-operate with the Boston Marine Society and Boston Board of Trade in any measures which they might deem expedient, with a view to lessen the destruction of life and property on the sea, increasing the efficiency, and improving the general character of the Mercantile Marine of the United States. The proposition was for the committees of the several Marine Societies conjointly to petition Congress for the appointment of a Commission “ to sit during the recess, and examine into the workings of the present laws regulating seamen ; as also into all that concerns their education and personal comfort, and the necessary discipline to make ships safer ”—the committees to meet at Washington and there take measures to secure the object desired.

COMMANDER MAURY.

While Lieut. M. F. Maury was in charge of the National Observatory at Washington, and was in high favor with the public on account of his Wind and Current Charts and other labors in the interests of navigation, the Marine Societies of Salem, as well as others, elected him an honorary member ; but when he turned traitor to his country and sided with the rebels, they expelled him.

He accepted the honor from the Salem Marine Society in a very complimentary letter, from which the following is an extract:

"These are flattering terms; they convey marked distinction; they confer distinguished honor. The value which I set upon them is greatly enhanced when I call to mind the history of the Marine Society of Salem, and remember me who are and have been Fellows of it. It is older than the Nation. Among its founders and early friends are the names of such men as Gardner, Ropes, Bartlett, Crowninshield, Allen, Southard, Bowditch, Webb, West, Perkins, Mason, Cleveland and Warren, with a long list of men illustrious in New England annals of Commerce and Navigation; and none but ship masters and ship owners could be members of it. These are the men who have the deepest interest in the hydrographical labors of this office. These are the men who, above and beyond all others, are best qualified to pass upon these labors; and they have chosen to utter their 'well done,' in the most pleasing and emphatic terms that it is in the power of the Society to use."

In the early days of the society it was customary to warn the members, at the death of the wife of any one of them, that they might attend the funeral. This practice was continued until Oct. 31, 1799, when it was

"Voted, At the death of any member's wife the Society shall not be warned to attend the funeral."

We have heretofore referred to the old-time custom of having some moderate refreshment at the monthly meetings. This practice appears to have been discontinued in 1829, when the following vote was passed:

"December 31, 1829. Voted that the Society dispense with all kinds of spirits."

APPEALS FOR AID.

From small beginnings the means of the society have been gradually increased until the invested funds have now reached the sum of at least sixty thousand dollars, and the ability "to

relieve one another and their families in poverty or other adverse accidents of life" is annually becoming more marked. On this point, a few specimens of the early applications for relief may not be without interest.

In 1775, a member writes: "I have met with misfortunes on the 27th December last, and lost most part of Interest Chest, clothes, books and instruments, and humbly ask your consideration under my hard fortune."

A few years later another quaintly says:

"My circumstances are such as oblige me to crave your assistance, as I am now in good health and able to do business; but having none presented for this two years past, and not being able to help myself without selling my house, which at this present time would not fetch half the value, and having a large family to maintain, without some sort of business it don't lay in my power to do. I have offered several times to go mate of a vessel, but have been refused. I have been to Boston to try there; they say something is the matter—such a man as that to leave Salem, that abounds in trade, to come here for business—it seems as if he had been guilty of some misdemeanor, or they would have employed him in Salem.

"Now, Gentlemen, my request to you is this: if there is money enough in stock to let me have one hundred pounds and take my place for security, you would oblige me very much. Or, if there should not be that sum, if the Brethren would be so kind as to contribute, each of them, what they think proper, and place it in the Master's hands, setting each gentleman's name with the sums they advance, so as to enable me to purchase some small craft to get my living in, I will give Capt. Gardner my place as security, paying each man accordingly to what he shall please to subscribe. And in so doing it will enable me with God's blessing to get a living and maintain my family, and I shall always be in duty bound to thank both Master and Brethren of the Society for the favor granted to your ever honored servant."

In the winter of 1788, another writes:

"I wish you a happy Christmas and New Year. I have

been lately told that some of the members wondered that I had not petitioned to the Society for some help as well as others, after my losses every way, and sickness for almost two years, and nothing to support upon, only as I once in a great while pick up a shilling or two. Every one must know how hard it is to collect in old debts, and to depend on them for support leaves him very needy if not suffering at times.

“I can not pretend to say, if I could get in my lawful debts, so as to put me in a small way of business to support myself, it is not very likely to me I should be a burden to anybody. I had engaged a house for that purpose, but have no stock even to support upon from day to day. I have lately sued as many people as amounts to between thirty and forty pounds, but don't expect to get it, or any part of it, till next Summer, though I have attached a small farm as part of it.

“Gentlemen, I am in great want of about twelve or fifteen pounds for the above purpose, and but a small part of it in money; and you may be as sure of being repaid the next Summer in Cash as any person could be as sure, let their circumstances be ever so good. I suppose you can not let the money according to the old articles without land security; that I have none of in this State, though I have some in a neighboring State. But I have been thinking that if a few of the members will be so good as to join together, it might easily be done, and help a poor, unfortunate petitioner to have a being again. I shall ever think of it with gratitude and give thanks. I should write more but the cold weather and the nature of my disorder wo'n't permit me. I am, Gentlemen, your sincere well wisher and humble servant.”

Another, bearing an honored name, who had received some assistance, writes, in December, 1790, as follows:—

“I am much obliged to you for your favor granted me. I still wish you to continue your favor to me, but in another way. As I am now going Eastward, should esteem it a greater favor, if any or all the Brethren of the Society would speak to the Officers of the Revenue for any small place for me. Your charity for me in that way, by getting me employment, will

exceed your other charity. I have the promise of the first vacancy from Major Miller, but as I shall be gone until the last of March, or the first of April, I am afraid it will be 'out of sight, out of mind,' unless I have some one to speak for me."

In 1792, a widow sends a petition, humbly shewing:

"That being deprived of her husband and surrounded with a young family of six children, not one of which is able to provide for itself except the eldest; and though assisted by very kind relations, whose utmost bounty, distributed to many in need, could not be adequate to her relief, not being possessed but of humble means of support; and yet anxious to give a sober education to her children, she hopes that the character of her husband, her former deportment, and her most careful attention to her family, will plead in her behalf for a share in the bounty of the Marine Society, and she doubts not that the happiness of herself and family will be to such generous minds an ample reward."

In 1792, an unfortunate member sends a small petition, hoping his brethren will not think amiss that he should beg for some relief from them, for he had worked as long as he had strength and was at that time in great want. Of course this appeal was not unheeded. The next year he sends another petition, in which he says: "I am at this present in a weak and low body of health. I am not able to do any hard labor, and as for light none will ask me to do. I am in hopes, gentlemen, you will think of me to give me relief, or else I must apply to the town, for I can not stand it much longer. This one thing—I do not eat one meal of meat in seven days; small fish and clams is the chief of my diet. I hope, gentlemen, you'll think of my poor situation, and hope God will never let any of you be in the same situation as I am at present."

Yet again he writes that the "memoralist and his wife are reduced to the lowest ebb, having these few years labored under vast and innumerable difficulties, having neither friends nor relations—that himself and wife can hope for no relief from any individual without laying a severe tax on the human-

ity of the neighbors." Another time he has no wood and owes two and a half dollars house rent ; yet again, he is not able to do labor because of his infirmity, and is in great want of relief ; and so on until, in 1795, death released him from his sufferings, and the old mariner was buried by his brethren, who had befriended him from first to last, and finally paid for the coffin in which his remains were deposited.

The annals of the society are full of cases like those named, from the time, one hundred and four years ago, when the first relief donation of eighteen shillings is recorded, down to the very last year, when upwards of four thousand six hundred dollars were available from the charitable fund in " the box."

On several occasions the aid bestowed has been returned to the society by some of its beneficiaries or their friends, where a change in their circumstances had made them comfortable without this assistance.

DONATIONS, LEGACIES, ETC.

The funds of the society have been increased by several valuable donations, legacies, &c., showing a marked interest in the prosperity of the association on the part of members and friends of this ancient organization. Some of these it may be well to notice.

LEGACY OF DR. BOWDITCH.

It is interesting to note the expressions of feeling of several of the testators. Of none of them has this society, or his native city, more reason to be proud than of the illustrious mathematician, Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch, (M. S. No. 308.) The provision in his will was as follows :

" *Item.* Whereas several of my relations have heretofore been members of that excellent institution, the Marine Society, at Salem, some of whom have received the benefit of its charity fund, under circumstances entitling it to my grateful remembrance, I do now give to that institution the sum of one thousand dollars, the income thereof to be forever applied in aid of its charitable objects and purposes."

A letter from his executors, (two of his sons), enclosing a copy of his last will and testament, alludes to the bequest of their father and adds :

“He told us and all our children, at the time of executing it, that his father, Habakkuk Bowditch, for nearly twenty years received from your charity fund the annual sum of fifteen dollars or thereabouts—so that his own food and clothing, when a boy, were in part derived from this source. Under these circumstances, we all felt, with him, that he had incurred a debt of gratitude toward your Society which justified, and indeed required from him an affectionate acknowledgment in return. And the legacy in question was given with the full consent and approbation of all his family.”

Dr. Bowditch bequeathed a like amount to the Salem East India Marine Society, of which he had been the President, and in which he always felt the deepest interest, and also to the Salem Athenæum, whose advantages in youth he considered of inestimable value, mentioning all these institutions in terms of the most distinguished consideration. “The above three legacies,” he adds, with the most charming simplicity and sincerity, “will, I trust, prove the regard, which I have always felt towards my native town, in which I passed so pleasantly the first fifty years of my life.” Nothing could give to Salem higher honor or greater satisfaction than these affectionate expressions of attachment from so illustrious a son.

Well did Judge White, in his eulogy, pronounced at the request of the Corporation of the City of Salem, remark :

“These institutions can not fail to be the more dear to us from this affecting association with his memory, as they have all been made more valuable by his exertions and his bounty. When all the circumstances are considered, under which these legacies were made, they will ever be regarded as of a most munificent character. But they are peculiarly valuable and delightful to us, as enduring memorials of the nobleness of his heart, and his admirable wisdom in the use of wealth. The cordial satisfaction, expressed by his children, in this appropriation of a part of their patrimony, proves how truly

they partake of his magnanimous spirit ; and the influence of such an example, in diffusing a similar spirit among ourselves, gives an additional value to these distinguished benefactions."

Dr. Bowditch left Salem in 1823, to take charge of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company as its Actuary ; and, adds Judge White, " so indispensable were his services considered to its organization and management, and such liberal offers of remuneration were made to him, that a just regard for the interests of his family, as well as those of the public, induced him to accept the appointment. Both he and Mrs. Bowditch felt the deepest regret, at leaving a place where their strongest attachments were fixed, where they were surrounded with so many warm friends, and where they had enjoyed such pure and uninterrupted happiness. Their friends were not less affected by the painful prospects of separation ; but they fully appreciated the motives which had led him to it. His townsmen, on the occasion of his leaving them, paid him the honor of a public dinner, at which they eagerly gathered around him, to express their admiration and gratitude. It was, indeed, a noble entertainment of the heart, which those who partook of it will never forget ; while their recorded sentiments, expressed on the occasion, will show to others how sincerely they honored their beloved friend and benefactor."

Dr. Bowditch was born in Salem, March 26, 1773, in the house (No. 14,) at the end of Brown street, near Washington Square, owned and long occupied by Dr. Samuel Johnson ; and he died in Boston, March 16, 1838, aged 65.

THE FRANKLIN BUILDING.

On the 24th of November, 1830, died in Topsfield, in his 73d year, Thomas Perkins, Esq., for many years an eminent merchant of Salem. He bequeathed to the society the Franklin Building.

The estate where the Franklin Building stands is in the immediate neighborhood of Dr. Bowditch's birthplace ; it was owned in 1675 by Col. John Higginson, son of Rev. John H., and a considerable merchant and public man in Salem. In

that year he built upon it a mansion house, spacious and elegant for the time, which stood until 1809, when the Franklin Building was erected. From his heirs it came into the possession of Nathaniel Andrew, who married a descendant of Higginson, and at his death, in 1762, he left it by will to his youngest son, John, the grandfather of our distinguished and lamented war Governor, John A. Andrew. John Andrew sold it to John Gardner, and removed to Windham, Me., where he died in 1791. Gardner sold it, in 1809, to Col. Samuel Archer, who erected on the site, the same year, the well remembered building which was ruined by fire on Sunday morning, October 21, 1860. The trustees of Col. Archer's estate sold it, in July, 1810, to Josiah Dow, then a dry goods dealer, who named it Wakefield Place, in honor of his native town, Wakefield, Vermont. Dow sold it, in 1811, to Thomas Perkins, who called it the Franklin Place, or Franklin Building, a name which it has ever since borne. The old Franklin Building was injured by fire Jan. 29, 1845, and also Jan. 4, 1859, and was finally destroyed, as stated above, Oct. 21, 1860. It was promptly replaced by the present stately and elegant building, many generous citizens and friends of the Marine Society contributing funds for its restoration, as may be seen by the list of subscribers and subscriptions printed in the society's pamphlet containing the by-laws, list of members, &c., &c.

Mr. Perkins was actively and successfully engaged, throughout the Revolutionary War, in the privateer and letter-of-marque service, as officer or commander. He was Captain of the privateers Spitfire and Thrasher, in the last named capturing six prizes in a single cruise. Himself and the late eminent Salem merchant, Joseph Peabody, were officers of the letter-of-marque brig Ranger, Capt. Simmons, when she was attacked in the Potomac River, in 1782, by three British tory barges, which were brilliantly repulsed, the enemy losing in killed and wounded more than fifty men. Messrs. Peabody and Perkins were subsequently partners in commercial business for a number of years, and the late Michael Shepard, Esq., another of our

most esteemed merchants, of sterling integrity and ability, was afterwards associated with Mr. Perkins in business during the remainder of his life.

Mr. Perkins, on retiring from active participation in mercantile pursuits, returned to his native town, where he died and was buried, his tombstone bearing the following inscription :

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS PERKINS, ESQ.,

AN EMINENT MERCHANT.

“ His Industry, Temperance & Enterprise Raised him From Poverty to Immense Wealth, Which he enjoyed without Pride or Ostentation, and dispensed with Justice and Benevolence. He was Diligent and Faithful in Business, Pure in his Life and Conversation ; of a Sound & Vigorous Mind, and of an Integrity and Fortitude which neither Prosperity nor Adversity could shake or corrupt.

“ He was an affectionate Son, a kind Relative, and a firm Friend.

“ He was a Christian above sectarian prejudice, and a Man above Fear & without Reproach.

“ He was born in Topsfield, April 2d, 1758, and died November 24th, 1830.”

LEGACIES OF NATHANIEL WEST.

On the 19th of December, 1851, died in Salem, at the advanced age of nearly ninety-six, the venerable Nathaniel West, (M. S., No. 74,) leaving valuable legacies to the society. One provision of his will was as follows :

“ 3d. I give, devise and bequeath unto the Salem Marine Society, all my shares, stock and interest in Derby Wharf in Salem ; also, all the stores and other buildings belonging to me, standing upon said wharf, with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging ;—to have and to hold the same to the said Marine Society upon this trust, viz. : That they shall apply and appropriate the annual income and profits thereof, under the direction of the Government of said Society for the time being, for the relief and support of the widows of

indigent members of said Society, every year, forever :—and I make this and a subsequent provision, to testify the interest I feel in the seafaring population of my native place.”

The society, finding it inconvenient to manage this bequest in the precise form in which it was left, in 1853 adopted the following petition to the Legislature :—

“ To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts in General Court assembled :

“ The petition of the Salem Marine Society humbly shows, That the late Nathaniel West, Esquire, of Salem, by his last Will and Testament, bequeathed and devised to said Society certain shares in the Derby Wharf Corporation, a Corporation duly established by law, and having its place of business in Salem, in the County of Essex, and also certain stores on said wharf, upon the condition that they should keep said property in good condition, and apply the income thereof for the support of the indigent members of said Society. That the said property can not be managed profitably and conveniently by a Charitable Society such as the Salem Marine Society.

“ Wherefore your petitioners pray that they may be allowed to sell said property and invest the proceeds thereof in some safe and profitable securities, the income whereof shall be applied to carry out the intention of said Testator. And as in duty bound will ever pray,

“ The Salem Marine Society, by Benjamin Upton, Master.”

The petition was not sent at that time, but some years subsequently a division of the property was assented to by the parties in interest and legally allowed, and the portion belonging to the society was safely invested, and duly appropriated as the Derby Wharf Corporation fund.

By the tenth article of the will, certain bank stocks were put into the hands of John G. King and Henry Gardner, trustees, the income to be invested, and the whole to accumulate for fifteen years,—at the end of which time :

“ My said Trustees shall pay to the Salem Marine Society, for the purpose of establishing and forever maintaining a

School for the Nautical and Commercial Education of Young Men of Salem, who may be intended for a seafaring life, the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars out of said fund, to hold upon the following especial trust ; that is to say,—

“ That the Government of said Society shall place and keep said sum at interest, upon such sufficient securities as they may consider best for all concerned, and receive and apply the annual income thereof as follows, viz. :

“ They shall hire or purchase a suitable room or rooms for said school, and fit it up and furnish the same with all necessary and proper furniture and apparatus, books, or other useful articles, and keep the same from time to time in good order and repair. The said School shall be under the care and instruction of a Teacher, at such a salary as will obtain the services of a person of capacity and acquirements adequate to teach all the branches of knowledge necessary to a thorough acquaintance with the theory and practice of Navigation in all its branches, Geography, Geometry, and the History, progress and present state of Trade and Commerce, foreign and domestic, and all other studies which may be useful in forming the character of ship-master, factor, and merchant ; said School shall consist of no more than twenty-five scholars at any one time ; shall be confined to children of inhabitants of Salem, preference always being given to children, descendants, or relatives of those who have been, are, or shall be members of said Salem Marine Society. No scholar shall be admitted into said school under the age of fifteen years, nor remain in it longer than three years at farthest. The said teacher shall be elected by the Mayor of the City of Salem, the Master and Deputy Master of said Marine Society, the President of the East India Marine Society, and the Principal of the English High School in Salem, for the time being, who are requested and empowered to act ; and are hereby appointed a board of election and visitation of this Charity, with authority to visit said School semi-annually, and at all other times at their discretion, with power to make regulations for the government thereof from time to time—and to remove said Teacher for

incompetency, misconduct, or any other sufficient cause, and appoint a successor as often as occasion may require.”

At the end of the designated fifteen years, a compromise was effected with the heirs of Capt. West, and the society received the sum of \$12,500, in accordance with the following decree of the Supreme Court:—

“ SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT. At Chambers, in Boston, December 10, 1867. Henry Gardner and another, trustees under the will of Nathaniel West, the Attorney General and others.

DECREE.

“ This cause having come on to be heard, and the parties thereto having filed an agreement by way of compromise, dated the 19th day of October, 1867; and the Attorney General having approved the same by becoming a party thereto; and it appearing that the recitals in said agreement appearing just and reasonable; It is therefore ordered and decreed that said agreement be and is hereby approved and confirmed by the Court, and that the sum of \$12,500 be paid by the said Trustees, Henry Gardner and John H. Nichols, to the Salem Marine Society, which shall receive the same in full satisfaction of all claims and demands which the said Society may have against said trustees, or against the Estate of said Nathaniel West; and the receipt of said Society shall be a full acquittance and discharge of said Trustees. And it is further ordered that said Society shall not be ordered to establish a Nautical School, but shall hold and invest said \$12,500, and apply the income to the general purposes of said Society, and to aid and promote the Nautical and Commercial Education of young men, descendants or relatives of those who have been or may be members of said Salem Marine Society, intended for a Seafaring and Mercantile life.”

It is only justice to say, that the purposes of Capt. West will be carried out as far as possible, and that the society will make provision to enable any Salem young man, who may desire it, to obtain such a mercantile education as Capt. West proposed. Several applicants have already been so furnished,

and the society is disposed to be as liberal as its means will allow.

Capt. Nathaniel West was born in Salem, Jan. 31, 1756, and died here December 19, 1851. His elder brother, Ebenezer, and his younger, Edward, as well as himself, were possessed of great energy and enterprise, and all three early selected the ocean for their field of action. Ebenezer was for nearly four years during the Revolution a prisoner of war, and was exchanged shortly before peace was proclaimed. He subsequently had command of E. H. Derby's famous ship, the *Grand Turk*, and in her completed the first voyage by an American vessel to Canton, returning to Salem in 1786.

Capt. Edward West, (M. S., No. 136,) the youngest, was in command of his brother Nathaniel's ship, *Hercules*, seized in Naples in 1809, and had the good fortune to obtain her release in order to transport Lucien Bonaparte and family to Malta, thus saving his ship from confiscation. He died at Andover, June 22, 1851, six months before his brother Nathaniel, at the age of ninety-one.

In 1775, Nathaniel, at the age of nineteen, being in command of a merchant vessel in the West India trade, was captured by a British frigate, and was soon recognized by Capt. Gayton, her commander, as the son of an old friend, and was compelled to serve as midshipman on board a British seventy-four, under the command of Capt. Edwards. Of their personal kindness he often spoke in after life. Being on shore as officer of a press gang, he effected his escape in London, and made his way to Lisbon, where he embarked on board the *Oliver Cromwell*, a Salem privateer, of sixteen guns, and returned to this port. On the passage, having been closely pursued for three days, he narrowly escaped being captured by a British frigate. Aware of his impending fate, if taken, he encouraged and stimulated the crew to the use of the sweeps, himself tugging at the oar, and by his energy and incessant diligence was mainly instrumental in saving the ship. This statement is made on the authority of his son-in-law, the late Capt. Edward Lander, who published it in the columns of the *Register* shortly after Capt. West's death.

Another version, given by the late George A. Ward, is that Nathaniel was in England when the Revolution commenced, and, the British government having ordered the arrest of all Americans found there, was only saved from being made a prisoner by Capt. Edwards, a friend of his father, giving him a midshipman's warrant in the British navy and taking him on board his seventy-four gun ship. Not long after, young West took French leave and went to Spain, where he embarked for Salem in the privateer *Oliver Cromwell*, Capt. Cole, of this port. Being in London soon after the close of the war, and finding that his old friend Capt. Edwards had been promoted to be Admiral, and was then on a distant station, Capt. West immediately wrote to him a grateful acknowledgment of his kindness in rescuing him from a prison ship, and stating that a desire of serving his country could only have caused him to leave his ship in so unceremonious a manner.

He made several cruises in the *Oliver Cromwell* and other armed vessels, and took many prizes. He participated with the famous Capt. Haraden in several contests, and made successful cruises as Captain of the privateer *Black Prince*, carrying eighteen guns and one hundred and fifty men. On one occasion, with Capt. Nathaniel Silsbee as his Lieutenant, he put into Cork, on a dark night, and cut out and took away a valuable prize. He had command of Mr. Derby's fine ship, the *Astræa*, built for a cruiser towards the end of the war, but on his arrival at a French port he found that preliminaries of peace had been signed, and he returned to Salem, making the passage in nineteen days, and bringing the first news of the close of the war.

Capt. West subsequently embarked in commerce and pursued it with continued success until he had amassed a large fortune. He was among the pioneers in various branches of trade, the Northwest, China, East India, &c.—and knew their origin and progress through their various stages. In 1792, he built and despatched the schooner *Patty*, commanded by his brother, Capt. Edward West, and she was the first American vessel to visit Batavia. His ship *Prudent* (in 1805) was among the

first of the very few American vessels that visited the Dutch Spice Islands, Amboyna, &c. His ship *Minerva* was the first Salem vessel to circumnavigate the globe, having sailed from here in 1800 for the N. W. coast and China. His ship *Hercules*, under his brother Edward's command, on the conclusion of the war with Great Britain in 1815, was the first vessel to sail from the United States for the East Indies, under the terms of the treaty. The *Hercules*, built for Capt. West in 1805, was a few years since doing good service as a whaler out of New Bedford, and is, we believe, still in existence.

He was, says Mr. Ward, the chronicler of the past, and the best authority for the history of our commerce from the beginning. His age so nearly approximated an hundred years that we may say he flourished during four generations of his race, in the most active and enterprising walks of life. In person Capt. West was of fine figure, and of a majestic mien and gait. He never forgot the dignity which belonged to his years and station. He was a gentleman of the old school in manners and dress, and adhered with scrupulous tenacity to the costume of his early years. His physical powers were so little impaired, even in his extreme old age, that he was frequently seen driving alone in his gig, or walking with vigorous and elastic step, until a very short time before his death; and many of our readers can recall his commanding and dignified appearance in our streets. He united in himself personal frugality, economy, and untiring industry; and his favorite maxim was, "without these none can be rich, and with these few would be poor."

Capt. West's remains were deposited in his family tomb in the Broad street Cemetery, and ten years later, the body of his gallant grandson, Gen. Frederick W. Lander, was laid beside him.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

If one could rehearse the lives of the men who have belonged to this society,—formed, be it remembered, "when we lived under a King;" when the early members having business to

transact at the Custom House were brought face to face with the "board at the gate with his Majesty's Arms thereon"—he could unfold the whole history of our commerce, and narrate deeds, in peace and war, and develop feats of maritime enterprise, not to be excelled in the commercial annals of the world. The task is of too much magnitude to undertake. But to show the character of the men who have belonged to this ancient and honorable organization, and to indicate how interesting and instructive a field of research is here opened, we will notice, very generally, in addition to what has already been intimated, two or three of the early members, in the hope of stimulating further biographical contributions, so that the list may be eventually completed and added to the other valuable historical collections of the Essex Institute. Take the following specimens as instances.

JOSIAH BATCHELDER, (M. S., No. 19,) joined the society April 19, 1766. He was the son of Josiah Batchelder, who served in the expedition against Port Royal in 1707; was born in Beverly, October 6, N. S., 1737, and died December 10, 1809, in his 73d year. He early entered upon a nautical career, and, possessing strong natural talents and a firm constitution, through the fatigues of common seamanship, which were not slight in those days, he arose to the command of a vessel when quite young, and with promptitude discharged the various duties of a sea captain and merchant during the many years of his maritime and commercial life. In 1761 he was taken by a French privateer, detained as a hostage and thrust into a filthy prison in Martinico, while his vessel was despatched, under the charge of his first officer, to obtain the release money.

He was a popular merchant when the American Revolution commenced, and by his arduity in the cause of our civil liberties, made great private sacrifices. By the suffrages of Beverly he was, in 1774, elected a member of the General Court. Being one of the choice spirits of our Independence he was a member of the Provincial Congress in January, May and July, 1775, and was re-elected in May, 1776, 1777, and

1779. He was six times elected to the General Court, and in both assemblies was placed on the most important committees. During the above representations, writes one who knew him well, neither British austerity nor the menacing Tory spirit of "times which tried men's souls," were sufficient to awe to silence this deceased patriot. He despised the hypocritical ambiguity of the canting and unstable. With bold ardency he manifested his energetic and persevering spirit in favor of our independence, anticipating all that glory which eventuated from the struggle. He was, on every occasion, ready with the most frank declarations of his opinion, as well in the public convention as in the private circles of the members of that government. He surmounted the want of an early education by strength of intellect, and his public advices were the result of a spirited and mature deliberation. He was, early in the Revolution, appointed a Justice of the Peace, and was the first and only naval officer of the port of Beverly. When Salem and Beverly were, by act of Congress, formed into one district, he was appointed Surveyor, which office he held at his death. The duties of his public functions he continued to discharge, with all that trustful ability which so strongly marked his character, and, notwithstanding the infirmities of age, continued his activity until a few days previous to his death. From 1774 he was a consistent and honored member of the First Church in Beverly, and he died in the full confidence of the christian's reward.

JOSEPH LEE, (M. S., No. 25,) joined the society May 25, 1766. He was born in Salem in May, 1744, and died in Boston in 1831, in his 88th year. At the age of thirteen he went to sea, and afterwards had the command of vessels in the European and West India trade. Retiring from a seafaring life he became a merchant and ship owner, and was for many years a partner with George Cabot in the trade to Spain, the West Indies and the Baltic, residing in Beverly. He was an active and useful citizen, although holding no office and taking no prominent part in political affairs. He had great mechanical genius and was especially interested in naval architecture,

being constantly occupied in devising improvements in ship-building. His models were often adopted by the merchants of Salem and Boston, and contributed largely to the style of construction by which superior speed is combined with increased carrying capacity. The brig *Caravan*, of missionary fame, built by Enos Briggs and launched in 1802, was constructed on a model furnished by him, and was a great improvement on previous models. He was one of the largest proprietors of Essex Bridge and was chiefly instrumental in its erection. He removed to Boston in 1807. Having acquired an ample fortune he contributed liberally to literary and charitable institutions, and within a year of his death made a donation of \$20,000 to the Massachusetts General Hospital. He was a man of modest pretensions, says one of his eulogists, and passed through life without an enemy, and without a stain upon his character. He was the grandfather of our fellow citizen, John C. Lee, Esq.

GEORGE CABOT, (M. S., No. 54,) joined the society March 28, 1771. He was born in Salem in December, 1751, removed to Beverly in his childhood, and died in Boston, April 18, 1823. He early engaged in maritime pursuits, and was so remarkable a youth that at the age of eighteen he was the master of a vessel in the European trade. His seafaring life gave him a large acquaintance with foreign countries, customs and people, and aided greatly in the improvement of a naturally astute mind, while his powers of observation and generalization continually augmented his stores of useful knowledge. At the age of twenty-five he was a member of the Provincial Congress, and there evinced qualities of statesmanship which were speedily developed and ripened. He was an influential member of the State Convention of 1788, called to deliberate on the adoption of the Federal Constitution. He was afterwards, from 1791 to 1796, a Senator from Massachusetts in the United States Congress, and was the confidential friend of Washington and Hamilton, the latter of whom relied greatly on Mr. Cabot's commercial knowledge and sagacious views in preparing his celebrated system of finance. At the

expiration of his fifth year as U. S. Senator, he resigned his seat, having accepted the office with reluctance, and feeling no desire to remain in public life.

In 1793 he removed to Boston, and, although avoiding office and place, continued an honored and influential member of society. In May, 1798, when the Navy Department was established, he was offered by President Adams the post of first Secretary, but he declined the honor, in favor of Benjamin Stoddard, a celebrated naval constructor, who was appointed and filled the office to much acceptance. Mr. Cabot was drawn from his retirement in 1814 and presided over the Hartford Convention.

JOHN ROSE DALLING, (M. S., No. 288,) died in Salem March 3, 1808, at the early age of twenty-nine. Probably few if any of our readers ever read his name, but Dr. Bentley wrote of him, soon after his death, that "he possessed a strong mind, and ranked among the first our country has produced as a ship master and factor, both in Europe and India. From early life he was the orphan's guide, the affectionate son, the kind and tender friend." Another eulogist writes of him that he died of a lingering consumption, which he bore with becoming fortitude and pious resignation. An enterprising, bold and skillful navigator, who dared to deviate from the beaten track, and was successful; a persevering, arduous, and indefatigable factor, whose intelligence and experience developed and dissipated the intricacies that embarrass commerce, in the marts of Europe and India; bigoted to no party, a good and useful citizen, a zealous and steady friend of his country. Deprived in early childhood of the fond paternal care and guidance, he was distinguished as the father of the unfortunate, and the orphan's tender friend. To a kind mother he was the most affectionate of sons. He early evinced a predilection for navigation and commerce, and soon took an active station in these pursuits, in the course of which he endured sufferings that called forth all his fortitude to support, and skill to extricate from. If all this could be said of him before he had attained the age of thirty, what mark would he not have made in the world if he had not been thus prematurely cut off.

JONATHAN HARADEN, (M. S., No. 84,) joined the society, March 28, 1782, was born in 1744, and died in November, 1803, aged fifty-nine. He was one of the most distinguished naval heroes of the Revolution. Hon. Charles W. Upham says :—

“ He fought some of the most desperate actions, and achieved some of the most wonderful triumphs, which the ocean has ever witnessed. In private life he was amiable and upright. His temper was mild and his manners gentle; but on the quarter deck, and amid the thunders of battle, the great and commanding energies of his noble nature were gloriously displayed; the more imminent the peril, the more terrific the scene, the more perfect his self-command, and calm composure, and serene intrepidity. He was not only brave himself, but he made all around him brave also. So evident and certain was it that he knew no fear, that fear vanished from the breasts of all under his command. His consummate and extraordinary courage, by thus imparting itself to his whole crew, made him invincible against all odds, and gave him, as was justly observed, by one who understood his character and history, ‘a name of terror on the ocean.’ In the spring of 1780, in command of the General Pickering, of about a hundred tons burthen, with sixteen six pounders and a crew of forty-five men and boys, he captured a privateer of twenty-two nine pounders and sixty men. He put on board a prize crew under Captain Jonathan Carnes, reducing his own crew to less than forty, and being still further weakened and embarrassed by having the care of nearly twice that number of prisoners. While in this condition an English ship of forty-two guns and one hundred and forty men recaptured the prize. Notwithstanding the disparity of force, Capt. Haraden gave battle, compelled her to seek safety in flight after a desperate contest, deliberately retook his prize and carried her safely into a Spanish port. The battle occurred about the dawn of day near the coast of Spain. An immense concourse of spectators, amounting, as was supposed, to nearly one hundred thousand, assembled along the shore, in boats and on the hills, during

the action; and before Captain Haraden, with his prize, had been at anchor half an hour, one could walk a mile from his ship by stepping from one boat to another. So great was the enthusiasm of admiration with which the battle had been witnessed, that, when he landed, he was surrounded by this vast throng of strangers and foreigners, and carried by them in triumph to a populous city in the neighborhood, where he was welcomed with public and unbounded honors."

The late venerable Robert Cowan, of Salem, who was with him in this action, said that the Gen. Pickering, in comparison with her antagonist, "looked like a long boat by the side of a ship." Another of his men said that "he fought with an energy and determination that seemed super-human," and that although in the most exposed positions, "where the shot flew around him in thousands, he was all the while as calm and steady as amidst a shower of snow-flakes." During the war he captured more than a thousand guns from the ships of the enemy. Never, adds Mr. Upham, should the people of this place assemble to commemorate the war of Independence, without bearing in honored and affectionate remembrance the name of this dauntless hero and virtuous citizen.

Capt. JESSE SMITH, (M. S., No. 187,) the last of the body guards of Washington, died in Salem, June 4, 1844, aged 88. At the commencement of the Revolution, 1775, he resided in Lincoln, Mass., and belonged to a company of minute men. He was called out of his bed 19th of April, 1775, and marched to Concord with his company and followed the retreating British army to Bunker Hill, firing upon them as opportunity offered. On the 21st of April, 1775, he enlisted for eight months, and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He served out his time and again enlisted for one year; was drafted into Gen. Washington's first foot guards under Capt. Gibbs, and marched to New York and remained till the army retreated. December, 1776, he re-enlisted for three years in a company of horse, under Capt. Lewis, as Gen. Washington's first horse guards, and was in the battles of Brandywine, Trenton, Germantown and Monmouth; was with the army at Valley Forge,

served out his time and honorably discharged, 1779. Being remarkably athletic, he was selected to carry messages to distant points from camp. At one time he captured a British officer with his horse, a splendid animal, which was used afterwards by Gen. Lafayette. When he passed through Salem he recognized Capt. Smith. He served some time after his term of enlistment, and came to Salem and entered on board a privateer, was taken and carried to Quebec, thence to England, and confined in Mill Prison till the war was closed; returned to Salem and engaged in commerce as a shipmaster and suffered from French spoilation; as by the records of the society, July 29, 1802, he was excused from paying arrears, having been robbed by the French.

Capt. BENJAMIN UPTON, (M. S. No. 295,) commanded private armed brig *Montgomery*, one hundred and sixty-five tons, armed with eighteen guns. While on a cruise off Surinam, December 5, 1812, at 3 P. M., made a sail standing northward, which proved to be a large English packet brig with troops. She hauled up her courses and stood toward the *Montgomery*, which was prepared to receive her at 7 P. M. After exchanging shots and wearing, the *Montgomery* ordered her to send a boat on board, which she refused to do. Then commenced a terrible conflict. The *Montgomery* delivered her broadside, which was returned, and continued till 8 o'clock, when her antagonist laid the *Montgomery* aboard on the starboard waist, his port anchor catching in after gun port, his spitsail yard and jib-boom sweeping over the waste guns. In this situation the *Montgomery* kept up a fire of musketry and such guns as could be brought to bear, which was returned with musketry by regular platoons of soldiers. In this way the fight continued for fifty minutes. The *Montgomery* finally filled her fore-top sail and parted from the enemy, breaking his anchor, making a hole in the *Montgomery's* deck, breaking five stanchions and staving ten feet of bulwark, with standing rigging much cut up. She hauled off for repairs, having four men killed and twelve wounded, among whom were Capt. Upton and Lieut. John Edwards of this society. It was thought prudent to get north

into cooler weather, on account of the wounded. The enemy stood to the northward after a parting shot. On the Montgomery's deck were found three boarding pikes, one musket and two pots of combustible matter, intended to set fire to the Montgomery, and which succeeded, but was finally extinguished. This was one of the hardest contests of the war. The Montgomery was afterwards commanded by Capt. Jos. Strout, (M. S., No. 150,) and captured by H. M. ship, 74, La Hoge, and taken to Halifax. When Capt. Strout with his son, who was with him, were going alongside of the ship in the launch, another son, a prisoner on board, hailed the father and asked where mother was, which would have comprised the whole family.

EARLY EXPERIENCES.

Capt. MICHAEL DRIVER, (M. S., No. 7,) in the year 1759, commanded the schooner *Three Brothers*, bound to the West Indies; was taken by a privateer under English colors, called the *King of Russia*, commanded by Capt. James Inclicto, of nine guns, and sent into Antigue. Her cargo was valued at £550; finding no redress, came home. He sailed again in the schooner *Betsey* for Guadaloupe; while on his passage was taken by a French frigate and sent into above port. He ransomed the vessel for four thousand livres and left three hostages, and sailed for home November, 1761, and took command of schooner *Mary*, under a flag of truce, to go and pay the ransom and bring home the hostages. He was again captured, contrary to the laws of nations, by the English privateer *Revenge*, James McDonald, master; sent to New Providence, Bahama. He made protest before the authorities and was set at liberty with vessel and cargo. He pursued his voyage to Cape Francois, redeemed the hostages, and Sept. 6, 1762, was ready to return; but Monsieur Blanch, commanding a French frigate, seized the vessel, took out hostages and crew and put them on board the frigate, bound to St. Jago, Cuba. He was detained till December, and vessel returned. Worn out and foodless, he was obliged to go to Jamaica for repairs.

On his arrival home his case was represented to the Colonial Government and transmitted to Gov. Shirley at New Providence, but no redress was made. He must have been a man of energy and means, as subsequently the society held his bond and note in 1768 for £60, to settlement, 1787, with interest, amounting to £75, he having died August, 1785. His widow on the list of beneficiaries, 1788.

December 9th, 1794, Capt. HEZEKIAH FLINT, (M. S., No. 268,) via Martha's Vineyard, arrived in the schooner *Syntha*. He sailed from here in September last and touched at all the English windward islands, and proceeded for Hispaniola, in sight of which he was captured by a Bermudian privateer, who put on board eight men and a prize-master, taking from the schooner the mate and three men, and ordered her to Bermuda. After being on board eleven days one of the men, who had been ill-treated on board the privateer, informed Capt. Flint he wished to retake the schooner, which being agreed to, the next morning about four o'clock they with two others took possession, confined the prize-master and men in the cabin, and shaped their course home. From the time they retook the vessel till their arrival they did not go below. He brought home most of his outward cargo.

Capt. THOMAS BENSON, (M. S., No. 85,) commanded private armed ships *Hendric Hudson*, *Julius Cæsar* and schooner *Dolphin*, and finally was captured in 1782, and imprisoned in the Jersey prison ship, New York. So highly was he appreciated for bravery and daring, that the citizens of Salem interceded in his behalf, and he was exchanged for Capt. Henry Dean, an English officer. He died Sept. 18, 1790, aged 43.

WILLIAM PATTERSON, (M. S., No. 80,) commanded private ship *Disdain*, 1780, twenty guns, brig *Favorite*, and served as lieutenant in *Junius Brutus*. Died Sept. 7, 1793, aged 47.

We submit these very general outlines of a few of the members, to show how much of interest might be presented, by taking up the nearly six hundred who have been associated in the organization from its commencement until now, and

giving the merest outlines of their career. A glance at the many honored names on their catalogue disclose the ample richness of the materials, and the wealth of information awaiting the investigation of a patient mind and the touch of an industrious hand.

The members of the Marine Society may congratulate themselves that they are the inheritors and transmitters of no mean institution. May it long flourish, an honor to old Salem and to the commercial enterprise of many generations.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIP FROM 1772 TO 1872, AND
AMOUNT OF FUNDS AT ANNUAL, IN OCTOBER.

Annual.

1772,	No.	60,	living,	55,	amount of funds,	£115, 18s, 0d.
1780,	"	70,	"	57,	"	£313, 16s, 6d.
1790,	"	93,	"	55,	"	£596, 1s, 6d.
1800,	"	227,	"	158,	"	\$4,231 46.
1810,	"	301,	"	175,	"	\$7,464 80.
1820,	"	322,	"	147,	"	\$10,698 29.
1830,	"	345,	"	118,	"	*\$11,853 58.
1840,	"	410,	"	119,	"	*\$14,506 42.
1850,	"	464,	"	122,	"	*\$20,628 75.
1860,	"	514,	"	139,	"	\$26,605 37.
1872,	"	551,	"	100,	"	†\$39,590 75.

AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED BY THE SOCIETY FROM 1766 TO 1872.

118 widow beneficiaries, 42 members.

From 1766 to 1800	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,630 00
" 1800 " 1810	-	-	-	-	-	2,000 00
" 1810 " 1820	-	-	-	-	-	2,800 00
" 1820 " 1830	-	-	-	-	-	3,900 00
" 1830 " 1840	-	-	-	-	-	4,869 00
" 1840 " 1850	-	-	-	-	-	8,634 00
" 1850 " 1860	-	-	-	-	-	13,810 00
" 1860 " 1872	-	-	-	-	-	25,446 00
						\$63,089 00

Franklin Building, from 1833 to 1840	\$1,406 00	
" " 1840 " 1850	3,295 00	
" " 1850 " 1860	6,896 00	
" " 1860 " 1872	7,359 00	18,956 00

Total amount distributed, - - - \$82,045 00

* Franklin Building, value \$13,000. † Franklin Building, \$20,000; debt paid.
Franklin Building destroyed by fire, October 21, 1860.

Nine widow beneficiaries; average time on the list, 46 years; least, 37; longest, 51 years. Others from one to 35.

The first of the following column of figures indicates the amounts received by six widows. The second, amounts received from Franklin Building Fund to deceased members.

One	-	\$2,215	One	-	-	-	-	\$2,874
"	-	2,146	"	-	-	-	-	2,173
"	-	2,124	"	-	-	-	-	2,121
"	-	2,030	"	-	-	-	-	1,990
"	-	1,863	"	-	-	-	-	1,666
"	-	1,463	"	-	-	-	-	1,380
Others from \$800 to \$50.				Others from \$900 to \$25.				

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES.

1815, Hon. William Gray	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000
1821, Hon. Benjamin Pickman	-	-	-	-	-	200
1822, George Dodge, Esq.,	-	-	-	-	-	400
1830, Thomas Perkins, Esq., Franklin Building, value	-	-	-	-	-	13,000
1837, Jonathan Neal, for distribution,	-	-	-	-	-	500
1838, Hon. Nathaniel Bowditch	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
1846, Hon. Dudley L. Pickman	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
1846, Miss Mehitabel Higginson	-	-	-	-	-	125
1849, Capt. Edward Stanley, income to aid members,	-	-	-	-	-	300
1851, Elbridge G. Kimball	-	-	-	-	-	500
1851, Nathaniel West, Derby Wharf property	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
1857, William Pickman, Esq.,	-	-	-	-	-	500
1860, J. Ingersoll Bowditch, for distribution, when Franklin Building was burnt,	-	-	-	-	-	500
1863, George Andrews, Esq.,	-	-	-	-	-	300
1867, Nathaniel West, legacy,	-	-	-	-	-	12,500
1868, Francis Peabody, Esq., income to indigent memb'rs	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
1870, John Dwyer, Esq., income to indigent members	-	-	-	-	-	500

[Extract from the Will of THOMAS PERKINS, Esq.]

I give and devise to the Marine Society, at Salem, in New England, and their successors and assigns, all that my BRICK

BUILDING and LAND with the appurtenances, known by the name of FRANKLIN PLACE in Salem aforesaid, being the same which I bought of Josiah Dow ; on condition that the said Marine Society shall annually apply the net rents and profits thereof to the relief of such Poor and Indigent Members of the said Society, who may not be given to excessive drinking, as shall be annually designated by the Officers of the said Society for the time being.

[Copy of HENRY BARR'S Will.]

I, Henry Barr, of Salem, Mariner, do make my last Will as follows :—I give to Mrs. Sarah L. Buffum, my mother-in-law, one thousand dollars for her use. I give and devise to John Russell, Esq., all the rest of my real and personal estate, to be by him held on this trust : that he shall invest and keep the same at interest during the life time of my daughter, Ellen Augusta, and shall pay her from time to time, the interest and income thereof, for her use ; and if necessary for her comfort and support, any part of the principal ; and after her decease, shall pay the same to her lawful issue ; but if she dies leaving no issue, then I give the same to the Salem Marine Society, to be by them in trust applied and paid toward the building, erecting and supporting a Bethel Church in Salem, for the accommodation of Seamen, to have the Gospel preached to them. My daughter's sole receipt, even if married, to be valid, and her husband to have no control.

I appoint said Russell executor hereof ; and authorize him to sell my real estate.

(Signed) HENRY BARR, (Seal.)

Dated, June 9, 1836.

Real Estate	- - - - -	\$134 00
Personal do.,	- - - - -	24,128 29
		\$24,262 29

Appraised by { THOMAS NEEDHAM,
ABIJAH NORTHEY, } April 28th, 1837.
{ WM. H. RUSSELL. }

Signed, published, &c.,

BENJAMIN MERRILL, }
EBEN'R SHILLABER, } Witnesses.
MOSES H. BEEDE, }

SUBSCRIPTIONS TOWARDS REBUILDING FRANKLIN BUILDING.

The following are the names of the persons who contributed towards the rebuilding of the Franklin Building, which was destroyed by fire October 21, 1860, with the amount of each donation:

John Dwyer	- - - - -	\$600
Nathaniel Weston	- - - - -	500
William D. Pickman	- - - - -	500
George Peabody	- - - - -	500
James Upton	- - - - -	500
Edwin Upton	- - - - -	500
George Upton	- - - - -	500
Charles D. Mugford	- - - - -	500
John Bertram	- - - - -	500
Zachariah F. Silsbee	- - - - -	500
American Ins. Co., J. I. Bowditch, President,	- - - - -	4,000
Nathaniel S. Bowditch	- - - - -	500
Francis Peabody	- - - - -	500
Richard S. Rogers	- - - - -	300
William Hunt	- - - - -	200
Miss Rawlins L. Pickman	- - - - -	150
Stephen G. Wheatland	- - - - -	100
Richard H. Wheatland	- - - - -	100
Daniel A. White	- - - - -	100
William McMullen	- - - - -	100
Michael W. Shepard	- - - - -	100
Benjamin W. Stone	- - - - -	100
James B. Curwin	- - - - -	100
Nathan A. Frye	- - - - -	100
Benjamin A. West	- - - - -	100
Henry Gardner	- - - - -	100
Nathaniel Brown	- - - - -	100
James S. Kimball	- - - - -	100
John C. Lee	- - - - -	100
William Stone, Jr.,	- - - - -	100
Henry F. Shepard	- - - - -	100
John B. Silsbee	- - - - -	100
John H. Silsbee	- - - - -	100
Otis P. Lord	- - - - -	100
Robert Brookhouse, Jr.,	- - - - -	100
William B. Smith	- - - - -	75
Nathaniel Griffin	- - - - -	50

Amount carried forward, - - - - - \$12,875

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,875
Jeremiah Page	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Francis Brown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
N. B. Mansfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Samuel R. Curwin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
George W. Pousland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
John H. Downing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Daniel H. Mansfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Frederick Lendholm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Allen Putnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
John P. Andrews	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Miss Sarah F. Orne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
James Buffington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Abner C. Goodell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
George Andrews	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Lemuel B. Hatch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Asahel Huntington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
William Pousland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Richard Davis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
William B. Parker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
James Emerton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Charles Roundy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
David A. Neal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
John Swazey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Augustus Story	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Alfred Peabody	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
James P. Cook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
James B. Endicott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
									\$14,315

LIST OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER, 1872.

34 shares Salem National Bank	-	\$3,400	00	
24 " Beverly " "	-	2,400	00	
27 " Salem Nat'l Exchange Bank	-	2,700	00	
59 " Asiatic National Bank	-	1,770	00	
43 " Naumkeag National Bank	-	4,330	00	
32 " National Bank	-	3,200	00	
28 " Merchants' National	-	1,400	00	
1 bond 5-20 U. S. Coupon, cost	-	1,048	75	
1 " Western Railroad	-	500	00	\$20,718 75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	-	-	-	\$20,718 75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	-	-	-	\$20,718 75
1 bond 5-20 U. S. Coupon, cost (West legacy)	-	-	-	\$10,462 50
20 shares E. R. R., (West legacy)	-	2,172 50		\$12,635 00
1 bond Salem Water Loan, (Francis Peabody legacy)	-	-	\$1,002 50	
1 " Cedar Rapids & Missouri R. R., (John Dwyer legacy)	-	485 50		\$1,498 00
Salem Savings Bank, bal. West legacy	\$1,430 00			
" " " " John Dwyer legacy	-	-	14 50	
Salem Savings Bank, fines and entrance fees	-	-	3,304 50	\$4,749 00
Total	-	-	-	\$39,590 75
Franklin Building, value	-	-	-	20,000 00
				\$59,590 75
Balance for distribution for 1873	-	-	-	\$3,301 66
" " Franklin Building	-	-	-	852 06
				\$4,153 72

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY, 1766 TO 1872.

MASTERS.

					<i>Date of Death.</i>
Samuel Williams (acting)	from	1766	to	1768	1801
Jonathan Gardner, Jr.,	"	1768	"	1791	1791
John Fisk	"	1791	"	1795	1797
Jonathan Haraden	"	1795	"	1796	1803
Benjamin West	"	1796	"	1808	1809
Benjamin Pickman	"	1808	"	1819	1819
Peter Lander	"	1819	"	1821	1834
John Osgood	"	1821	"	1826	1826
Willard Peele	"	1826	"	1834	1835
Samuel Cook	"	1834	"	1838	1861
Benjamin Upton	"	1838	"	1853	1853
Allen Putnam	"	1853	"	1854	1868
John Dwyer	"	1854	"	1870	1870
Nathaniel Brown		1870			

DEPUTY MASTERS.

William Bartlett	from	1772	to	1791	1794
Benjamin West	"	1791	"	1796	1809
John Gibaut	"	1796	"	1802	1805
Edward Allen	"	1802	"	1803	1803
Peter Lander	"	1803	"	1808	1834
John Osgood	"	1808	"	1821	1826
Willard Peele	"	1821	"	1827	1835
Henry King	"	1827	"	1832	1834
Francis Peabody	"	1832	"	1834	1867
Benjamin Upton	"	1834	"	1838	1853
Joseph Felt	"	1838	"	1841	1856
Thomas C. Whittredge	"	1841	"	1845	1854

					<i>Date of Death.</i>
James B. Briggs	from	1845	to	1852	1857
Nathaniel B. Mansfield	"	1852	"	1854	1863
Jeremiah Page	"	1854	"	1864	1867
Josiah Spalding	"	1864	"	1865	1868
James Buffington	"	1865	"	1869	
Nathaniel Brown	"	1869	"	1870	
George Upton		1870			

TREASURERS.

Samuel Williams	-	-	-	-	from	1766	to	1768
*Jonathan Gardner, Jr.	-	-	-	-	"	1768	"	1791
Jonathan Gardner	-	-	-	-	"	1791	"	1821
Gideon Tucker	-	-	-	-	"	1821	"	1834
David Pingree	-	-	-	-	"	1834	"	1845
Thomas P. Pingree	-	-	-	-	"	1845	"	1846
James Upton	-	-	-	-	"	1846	"	1852
Jonathan P. Felt	-	-	-	-	"	1852	"	1860
Daniel H. Mansfield	-	-	-	-		1860		

CLERKS.

Samuel Williams	-	-	-	-	from	1766	to	1768
Jonathan Gardner, Jr.	-	-	-	-	"	1768	"	1774
Jacob Ashton	-	-	-	-	"	1774	"	1781
Habakkuk Bowditch	-	-	-	-	"	1781	"	1785
Jonathan Mason	-	-	-	-	"	1785	"	1799
John Collins	-	-	-	-	"	1799	"	1800
Benjamin Pickman	-	-	-	-	"	1800	"	1804
John Collins	-	-	-	-	"	1804	"	1806
Benjamin Peirce	-	-	-	-	"	1806	"	1808
Nathaniel Knight	-	-	-	-	"	1808	"	1834
Thomas West	-	-	-	-	"	1834	"	1847
Edward Barnard	-	-	-	-	"	1847	"	1858
Samuel Benson	-	-	-	-	"	1858	"	1862
Robert W. Gould	-	-	-	-	"	1862	"	1868
Charles W. Farrington	-	-	-	-	"	1868	"	1869
William B. Bates	-	-	-	-		1869		

* Messrs. Gardner, father and son, acted fifty-three years.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN OF NEW FRANKLIN BUILDING, 1860.

Charles Mansfield, William H. Foster, George Upton.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Charles D. Mugford, James B. Curwen, James Upton.

AGENTS OF FRANKLIN BUILDING.

Nathaniel Knight	-	-	-	-	from	1831	to	1838
Samuel Cook	-	-	-	-	"	1838	"	1852
Jonathan P. Felt	-	-	-	-	"	1852	"	1859
Allen Putnam	-	-	-	-	"	1859	"	1867
Brackley R. Peabody	-	-	-	-	"	1867	"	1869
Nicholas T. Snell	-	-	-	-	"	1869	"	1870
William B. Bates	-	-	-	-		1870		

DIRECTORS FOR DERBY WHARF.

William B. Smith	-	-	-	from	1850	to	1855
James S. Kimball	-	-	-		1855		

COMMITTEE ON FRANKLIN BUILDING.

Henry King,	}	to receive the building, 1830.					
John H. Andrew,							
Stephen W. Shepard,							
Willard Peele	-	-	-	from	1831	to	1832
Gideon Tucker	-	-	-	"	1831	"	1832
Samuel Cook	-	-	-	"	1832	"	1838
Thomas P. Pingree	-	-	-	"	1832	"	1838
Nathaniel Weston	-	-	-	"	1832	"	1835
Joseph Noble	-	-	-	"	1835	"	1840
Nathaniel Weston	-	-	-	"	1838	"	1860
Thomas C. Whittredge	-	-	-	"	1840	"	1845
Jonathan P. Felt	-	-	-	"	1845	"	1846
James W. Cheever	-	-	-	"	1846	"	1852
Samuel Cook	-	-	-	"	1852	"	1854
James S. Kimball	-	-	-	"	1854	"	1855
William B. Smith	-	-	-	"	1855	"	1860
Allen Putnam	-	-	-	"	1855	"	1859
James Upton.	-	-	-		1862	new building.	
James B. Curwen	-	-	-		1862	"	"

RECORD OF MEMBERS OF THE SALEM MARINE SOCIETY.

[ABBREVIATIONS AND SIGNS. † Left the Society. R. W., Served in the Revolution. R., Fr. & 1812, Wars. D. P., Prisoners in Dartmoor.]

NO.	NAMES.	JOINED.]	DIED.	AGE.	PLACE OF DEATH.
1	Thomas Eden,	March 25, 1766	July 1, 1768	45	Salem.
2	John Ropes	"	Prev. to 1781		
3	Samuel Webb,	"	March 29, 1780	48	Salem.
4	John Hathorne,	"	August, 1766		At sea.
5	William Lilly	"			Loyalist, left Salem.
6	Amos Mansfield	"	April, 1781		Salem.
7	Michael Driver	"	Aug. 28, 1785		"
8	Israel Obear	"	August, 1773	38	"
9	†Edmund Needham	"	Sept. 8, 1819	83	"
10	Robert Hale Ives	"	Oct. 19, 1773	29	At sea.
11	Larkin Dodge	"	Prev. to 1781		[teer in 1776.
12	†William Bartlett	"	Dec. 30, 1794	54	Pa. Ap. Ag't to fit out priva-
13	Israel Lovit	"	Prev. to 1772		
14	†Joseph Lambert	"	Aug. 17, 1790	59	Salem, R. W.
15	Benjamin West (Master)	"	Mar. 14, 1809	70	"
16	†Edmund Giles	"	Mar. 28, 1786	61	Beverly, R. W.
17	William Slewman	"	Prev. to 1776		
18	†Samuel Williams	"	Oct. 11, 1801	68	Salem. [1775-9.
19	†Josiah Batchelder, Jr.	April 25, 1766	Dec. 10, 1809	72	Salem. Mem. Prov. Cong. in
20	John Batten	"	April, 1781	72	Salem.
21	John Elkins	May 25, 1766	Prev. to 1781		[exander.
22	†George Crowninshield	"	June 15, 1815	81	Salem, R., Fr. & 1812, ship Al-
23	William Ward,	"	Oct. 9, 1767	31	Salem.

24	Edward Gibaut -	-	-	May 25, 1766	Nov. 1, 1803	75	Gloucester, R. W.
25	†Joseph Lee -	-	-	" " "	Nov. 1, 1831	87	Boston, R. W. Dis. merchant.
26	Edward Allen -	-	-	" " "	July 27, 1803	68	Salem.
27	Thomas Morong -	-	-	" " "	April, 1768	28	"
28	†Samuel Grant -	-	-	" " "	April, 1794	54	"
29	Jacob Crowningshield -	-	-	June 25, 1766	Nov. 21, 1774	41	At sea.
30	†Josiah Orne -	-	-	July 25, 1766	June 21, 1789	44	Salem, R. W.
31	Ebenezer Ward, Jr., -	-	-	" " "	Oct. 26, 1776	38	"
32	Daniel Hathorne -	-	-	Aug. 25, 1766	April 18, 1796	65	"
33	†John Derby -	-	-	" " "	Dec. 5, 1812	72	"
34	Cabot Gerrish -	-	-	" " "	Dec. 5, 1780	41	At sea.
35	George Southward -	-	-	" " "	January, 1815	77	Amherst, N. H.
36	David Masury -	-	-	Sept. 25, 1766	Dec., 1789	45	Salem.
37	Nathaniel Knight -	-	-	July 25, 1767	April, 1792	86	At sea. R. W.
38	†John Archer -	-	-	" " "	Sept., 1819	70	Salem.
39	†John Berry -	-	-	Aug. 25, 1767	July 1, 1804	61	" R. W.
40	George Smith -	-	-	Sept. 25, 1767	July 1, 1781	61	"
41	Habakkuk Bowditch -	-	-	Oct. 29, 1767	July 18, 1798	63	"
42	John Bowditch -	-	-	Nov. 25, 1767	March 2, 1791	63	Merchant.
43	Jonathan Gardner, Jr., (Master)	-	-	July 26, 1768	Mar. 21, 1792	76	Salem, R. W.
44	Jonathan Webb -	-	-	Aug. 26, 1768	Sept. 28, 1797	53	"
45	John Fiske, (Master)	-	-	" " "	Sept. 28, 1810	69	"
46	†William Morgan -	-	-	Sept. 29, 1768	Nov. 1799	66	" R. W.
47	†Robert Alcock -	-	-	Oct. 27, 1768	Oct., 1801	60	Salem. " [prison ship, N.Y.
48	Jonathan Mason -	-	-	" " "	Nov., 1795	64	Salem, R. W. Pris'r in Jersey
49	Stephen Cleaveland -	-	-	Nov. 24, 1768	Nov., 1781	62	"
50	Benjamin Warren -	-	-	Dec. 29, 1768	Nov. 9, 1804	43	"
51	Thomas Frye -	-	-	M'ch 30, 1769	Oct., 1790	72	Boston.
52	†Jonathan Lambert -	-	-	June 28, 1770	April 18, 1823	71	M. C. & Senator, 1791-6.
53	†Henry Higginson -	-	-	M'ch 28, 1771	Sept. 21, 1821	71	Salem, R. W.
54	†George Cabot -	-	-	June 27, 1771	Oct. 30, 1834	92	"
55	†George Dodge, Jr., -	-	-	" " "			
56	Peter Lander, (Master)	-	-				

NO.	NAMES.	JOINED.	DIED.	AGE.	PLACE OF DEATH.
57	William Carlton	July 25, 1771	June, 1791	47	Barbadoes, W. I. R. W.
58	+John Buffinton	Oct. 31, 1771	Feb. 14, 1827	84	Salem. R. W.
59	+Daniel Conant	Feb. 27, 1772	Aug. 26, 1786	42	W. I.
60	+Ebenezer Ellenwood	April 30, 1772	Jan. 1, 1777	39	Beverly.
61	Stephen Mascoll	Dec. 31, 1772	June 6, 1775		Killed in b' ding Eng. ship. R. W.
62	James Buffinton	Oct. 28, 1773	June 6, 1775	37	Salem. R. W.
63	William Williams	" "	April 14, 1781	39	"
64	+Benjamin Goodhue	Oct. 27, 1774	July 28, 1814	66	" M. C. & Senator, 1793-7.
65	+Jacob Ashton	Nov. 3, 1774	Dec. 28, 1829	85	" R. W.
66	+Jonathan Ingersoll	" "	July 9, 1840	89	Windsor, Vt.
67	+George Osborne	Dec. 29, 1774	June, 1808	70	Salem.
68	+William Orne	" "	Oct. 14, 1815	64	" R. W. Dis. merchant.
69	+Ichabod Nichols	" "	July 2, 1839	90	" "
70	John Collins	Nov. 30, 1780	Aug. 21, 1824	73	"
71	John Turner, Jr.	" "	Aug. 2, 1785	41	Uxbridge, N. H. R. W.
72	Clifford Byrne	" "	April 4, 1815	68	Salem.
73	Francis Boardman	" "	Feb. 10, 1792	44	Port au Prince. R. W.
74	Nathaniel West	Dec. 28, 1780	Dec. 19, 1851	96	Salem. R. W. Dis. merchant.
75	+Zachariah Burchmore	" "	May, 1807	64	" [R. W.
76	+Nathaniel Brookhouse	" "	March, 1795	39	Lost on passage to England.
77	Simon Forrester	Jan. 25, 1781	July 4, 1817	71	Salem. R. W.
78	+Ephraim Emmerton	M'ch 29, 1781	July 24, 1824	76	"
79	+Samuel Croel	April 26, 1781	Sept. 7, 1793	54	Canton, China. R. W.
80	William Patterson	Nov. 29, 1781	Sept. 7, 1790	47	Salem. R. W. 1780, com. priv. Disdain, 20 gms.
81	William Ross	" "	April, 1789	48	At sea. R. W.
82	William Fairfield	" "	Dec., 1792	42	Killed at sea. R. W.
83	Simon Byrne	Jan. 21, 1782	Nov. 23, 1803	35	Salem. [Gen. Pickering. 16 g. & Julius Caesar.
84	+Jonathan Haraden, (Master)	M'ch 28, 1782	Sept 18, 1790	59	" R. W. 1780 com. ship
85	Thomas Benson	" "		43	" R. W. 1780, ship Hendrick Hudson, 20 gms.

86	†Benjamin Dean	-	-	-	April 25, 1782	Dec. 16, 1826	85	Salem, war 1812. P. Revenge. 16 g.
87	John Revel	-	-	-	May 30, 1782	Dec., 1795	35	" R. W. priv. Monmouth.
88	Samuel West	-	-	-	"	1783	33	Virginia.
89	Francis Yates	-	-	-	"	Prev. to 1807	48	Salem. R. W. 1780 com'd ship
90	Charles Hamilton	-	-	-	Aug. 29, 1782	1793	41	" [Jason, 16 guns.
91	William Gray	-	-	-	Sept. 26, 1782	Nov. 20, 1785	47	" R. W. 1780 com'd ship
92	Gideon Henfield	-	-	-	Nov. 27, 1783	March, 1800	73	"
93	Hugh Smith	-	-	-	Oct. 27, 1785	Jan. 3, 1790	83	St. Lucia, W. I. R. W.
94	Joshua Ward	-	-	-	M'ch 30, 1791	Sept. 13, 1825	64	Salem. R. W.
95	†William Paine	-	-	-	"	April 22, 1823	79	Worcester. Surgeon.
96	William Orne	-	-	-	"	Oct. 14, 1815	62	Salem. R. W. Dis. merchant.
97	Benjamin Carpenter	-	-	-	April 28, 1791	Sept. 13, 1823	72	Cambridge. R. W.
98	Elias Hasket Derby	-	-	-	"	Sept. 16, 1826	60	Londonderry, N.H. Dis. merchant.
99	Stephen Abbot	-	-	-	"	Aug. 9, 1813	65	Salem. R., a Capt. Merchant.
100	Jonathan Gardner	-	-	-	May 26, 1791	Sept. 26, 1821	60	" Merchant.
101	John Derby, Jr.,	-	-	-	"	Nov. 25, 1831	64	" R. W.
102	Benjamin Pickman, (Master)	-	-	-	June 30, 1791	May 12, 1819	79	" Merchant.
103	†Joseph Hiller	-	-	-	"	Feb. 9, 1814	66	Lancaster. R. W. Col. Salem.
104	William Pickman	-	-	-	"	Nov. 10, 1815	67	Salem. R. W. Merchant.
105	†Samuel Derby	-	-	-	July 28, 1791	Jan. 17, 1843	76	Weston. Merchant.
106	Samuel Ingersoll	-	-	-	Aug. 25, 1791	July 4, 1804	60	At sea R. W.
107	†Stephen Webb	-	-	-	Sept. 29, 1791	Feb. 11, 1831	75	Salem. " Merchant.
108	Joseph Peabody	-	-	-	Oct. 27, 1791	Jan. 5, 1844	86	" " Dis. merchant.
109	Thomas Bowditch	-	-	-	Nov. 24, 1791	July 20, 1808	75	"
110	†Samuel Robinson	-	-	-	"	Aug. 8, 1808	70	Medford.
111	William Ward	-	-	-	"	May 27, 1827	66	Salem.
112	Joseph Cabot	-	-	-	"	Nov. 17, 1799	29	"
113	†Ebenezer Putman	-	-	-	"	Feb. 25, 1826	58	" R. W.
114	Nathan Peirce	-	-	-	Feb. 28, 1792	May 22, 1812	63	Boston. Dis. merchant.
115	†William Gray, Jr.,	-	-	-	M'ch 28, 1792	Nov. 4, 1825	74	Reading. R. W.
116	Daniel Saunders	-	-	-	June 27, 1792	Dec. 31, 1824	81	Salem. " "
117	†Henry Elkins	-	-	-	"	Aug. 20, 1836	75	Ipswich. " "
118	†Jonathan Ingersoll	-	-	-	April 27, 1792	May 17, 1817	65	

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119	†Jonathan Waldo - - -	Aug. 30, 1792	Mar. 31, 1815	61	Salem.
120	Nathaniel Knight - - -	Sept 27, 1792	Feb. 19, 1845	85	" R. W.
121	John Osgood, (Master) - -	" " " "	Dec. 2, 1826	69	" "
122	Thomas Chipman - - -	" " " "	Dec. 4, 1821	65	" "
123	William Stearns - - -	Aug. 30, 1792	Apr. 24, 1819	65	" "
124	John Jenks - - -	Sept. 27, 1792	Oct. 11, 1817	66	" R. W. [ship Racehorse, 20 g.
125	†Alexander Story - - -	" " " "	Dec. 2, 1838	78	Claremont, N. H. R. W. 1782
126	†John Page, (Col.) - - -	Oct. 27, 1792	Jan. 11, 1830	87	Salem. R. W.
127	†Andrew Slewman - - -	Nov. 29, 1792	Mar. 11, 1830	37	Guadaloupe, W. I.
128	Winthrop Gray - - -	Dec. 27, 1792	Nov. 26, 1817	50	Boston. W. 1812. [1812 & R. W.
129	†Samuel Curwen Ward - -	" " " "	Oct. 14, 1825	69	" Capt. prison ship at Salem
130	†Thomas Webb - - -	" " " "	Jan. 15, 1830	71	" R. W.
131	Joseph Lambert - - -	Feb. 28, 1793	Nov. 1798	43	" "
132	Francis Roach - - -	" " " "	Sept. 1794		Hispaniola, Cuba. R. W.
133	Jonathan Radax - - -	" " " "	Aug. 15, 1823	65	Salem. R. W.
134	Benjamin Shillaber - - -	M'ch 28, 1793	Sept. 30, 1852	80	" Dis. merchant.
135	†Ezekiel Hersey Derby - -	" " " "	June 12, 1851	91	Andover. R. W.
136	†Edward West - - -	April 26, 1793	July 1805	46	Salem.
137	†Ebenezer B. Ward - - -	Sept. 27, 1793	Aug. 25, 1800		R. W.
138	†Benjamin Needham - - -	May 30, 1793	Aug. 25, 1807	80	Salem. R. W.
139	Jerathmel Parce - - -	June 27, 1793	April 17, 1807	50	Martha's Vineyard.
140	Thomas Bowditch - - -	Nov. 27, 1793	Oct. 18, 1815	62	Salem. R. W.
141	Benjamin Webb, Jr., - - -	July 28, 1793	Aug. 1802	39	Martha's Vineyard. R. W.
142	John Felt - - -	Oct. 31, 1793	July 16, 1799	40	Killed from a privateer. R. W.
143	Joseph Moseley - - -	" " " "	Nov. 1840	79	Salem, R. W.
144	†George Smith, Jr., - - -	Jan. 30, 1793	Nov. 1814	56	Savannah, Ga.
145	William Ives - - -	Oct. 31, 1793	Oct. 9, 1804	57	Salem. R. W.
146	John Leach - - -	Dec. 26, 1793	April, 1808	53	West Indies.
147	†John Pitman - - -	" " " "			

148	Benjamin Tarrant	-	-	-	Dec. 26, 1793.	Oct. 1794	West Indies
149	+Edward Allen, Jr.,	-	-	-	Oct. 31, 1793.	Dec. 1845	St. Michael's Island. [gomery.
150	Joseph Strout	-	-	-	Jan. 30, 1794	Oct. 5, 1830	Salem. R. Fr. & 1812 br. Mont-
151	+Henry Prince	-	-	-	"	Oct. 5, 1846	" W. 1812. [Alexander.
152	+Benjamin Crowninshield	-	-	-	July 28, 1794	Nov. 25, 1836	Charlestown. R. Fr. & 1812 ship
153	+Ichabod Nichols	-	-	-	July 30, 1794	Mar. 22, 1839	Salem.
154	+John Saunders	-	-	-	"	June 19, 1845	" R. W.
155	Nathaniel Ropes	-	-	-	Feb. 27, 1794	Aug. 6, 1806	"
156	Joseph Hosmer	-	-	-	April 24, 1794	July 23, 1803	Norwalk, Ct.
157	+Ebenezer Shillaber	-	-	-	Sept. 26, 1794	Dec. 7, 1807	Salem. R. W.
158	+Henry Saunders	-	-	-	April 24, 1794	May 13, 1835	"
159	+Henry Gardner	-	-	-	May 29, 1794	Nov. 1817	Malden. R. W.
160	+Woodbridge Grafton	-	-	-	Feb. 24, 1794	1810	Philadelphia.
161	John Gibaut	-	-	-	Sept. 23, 1794	Aug. 11, 1805	Gloucester.
162	George Girdler Smith	-	-	-	Sept. 25, 1794	Nov. 20, 1810	Salem. R. W.
163	Joseph Sprague	-	-	-	Oct. 30, 1794	June 8, 1833	"
164	+John Burchmore	-	-	-	Nov. 27, 1794	Sept. 1802	"
165	+Michael Webb	-	-	-	"	Nov. 12, 1839	At sea.
166	George Archer	-	-	-	Dec. 25, 1794	Aug. 17, 1801	Salem.
167	Nehemiah Andrews	-	-	-	Jan. 29, 1795	Feb. 1800	Oswego, N. Y.
168	Jonathan Millett	-	-	-	June 25, 1795	Oct. 1804	Salem. R. W.
169	William Patterson	-	-	-	"	Nov. 1806	"
170	+Hardy Ropes	-	-	-	Feb. 26, 1795	Oct. 1, 1844	Woodstock, N. H.
171	+Francis B. Dennis	-	-	-	"	Sept. 1811	Salem. R. W.
172	+Benjamin Pickman, Jr.,	-	-	-	May 28, 1795	Aug. 16, 1843	" M. C.
173	Richard Gray	-	-	-	Feb. 26, 1795	Dec. 10, 1796	At sea.
174	John Becket	-	-	-	Aug. 27, 1795	Aug. 19, 1804	Salem.
175	Andrew Haraden	-	-	-	"	July 8, 1835	"
176	+John Rust	-	-	-	Sept. 24, 1795	May 26, 1834	" W. 1812. D. P.
177	Thomas Ashby	-	-	-	Nov. 26, 1795	Dec. 29, 1804	"
178	Robert Emery	-	-	-	Feb. 25, 1796	May 7, 1841	Springfield.
179	Timothy Wellman, Jr.,	-	-	-	Nov. 26, 1796	July, 1834	Salem. W. 1812 ship Alexander
180	William Wyatt	-	-	-	April 28, 1796	Dec. 1796	"

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181	+John Edwards	April 28, 1796	April, 1807	60	Salem. R. W. & 1812.
182	Daniel Hathorne	Dec. 26, 1796	June 14, 1805	30	At sea.
183	Oliver Webb	Nov. 26, 1796	Sept. 1798		St. Domingo.
184	Daniel Sage	May 26, 1796	May 18, 1836	77	Salem. R. W.
185	Benjamin Dean	June 30, 1796	M'ch 20, 1824	85	"
186	George Chapman	"	M'ch 20, 1824	84	" [wine, Trenton, Germant'n
187	Jesse Smith	July 28, 1796	June 4, 1844	88	" R. W. Bunker H., Brandy-
188	Samuel Endicott	M'ch 31, 1796	May 1, 1828	65	"
189	Benjamin Webb, Jr.,	Oct. 29, 1796	Oct. 1815	65	R. W.
190	+Penn Townsend	Aug. 25, 1796	June 30, 1846	75	"
191	+Jonathan Shillaber	"	July 3, 1850	75	"
192	John Norris	"	Sept. 15, 1869	89½	"
193	+Samuel Page	Dec. 31, 1796	Feb. 1, 1834	56	R. W.
194	Robert Leach	Sept. 29, 1796	Nov. 1, 1825	56	"
195	Thomas Putnam	M'ch 28, 1796	Jan. 22, 1822	78	"
196	Jeduthan Upton	Oct. 27, 1796	May, 1823	58	Danvers. "
197	Jacob Crowninshield	Nov. 23, 1796	April 15, 1808	77	Stubenville, Me. W. 1812.
198	+Dudley Porter	Dec. 29, 1796	Nov. 3, 1816	38	Washington. M. C.
199	Moses Endicott	Feb. 24, 1797	M'ch 31, 1807		Boxford.
200	Jacob Very	"	July 3, 1797	40	Havana.
201	Joseph Osgood, Jr.,	May 30, 1797	May 2, 1806	46	Alexandria, Va.
202	William Richardson	Oct. 27, 1797	Dec. 23, 1807	34	England.
203	David Patten	May 30, 1797	Nov. 5, 1805	38	Salem.
204	John Barton	Sept. 29, 1797	July 24, 1818		Lost overboard.
205	Daniel Ropes, Jr.,	July 27, 1797	Jan. 8, 1808	44	Salem.
206	Job Trask	Aug. 31, 1797	Feb. 1808	42	London.
207	Samuel Masury, Jr.,	Sept. 28, 1797	April 4, 1805	40	At sea.
208	John Endicott	Oct. 26, 1797	Nov. 30, 1834	70	Salem.
209	Henry Clark	Sept. 28, 1797		41	Danvers. R. W.
					Amboyne, China.

210	George Hodges	-	-	-	Nov. 30, 1797	July 28, 1827	62	Salem.
211	Edmund Upton	-	-	-	" "	Dec. 1814	45	Philadelphia.
212	Enoch Swett	-	-	-	Dec. 28, 1797	Dec. 21, 1803	37	At sea.
213	William Godshall	-	-	-	" "	May, 1816	54	Mauritius.
214	Stephen Phillips	-	-	-	Jan. 28, 1798	Oct. 19, 1838	72	Salem.
215	Josiah Orne	-	-	-	M'ch 29, 1798	Sept. 23, 1825	57	"
216	George Ropes	-	-	-	" "	April 4, 1807		Lost at sea.
217	Benjamin Henderson	-	-	-	May 31, 1798	June 27, 1836	75	Salem. R. W.
218	†John Fairfield	-	-	-	" "	Aug. 15, 1850	78	Roxbury.
219	Nathaniel Archer	-	-	-	Aug. 30, 1798	May 17, 1833	63	Salem. R. W. & 1812.
220	John Fillebrown	-	-	-	" "	June 15, 1814	48	England prisoner. 1812.
221	Benjamin Lander	-	-	-	Aug. 29, 1798	June 15, 1816	47	Salem.
222	Clifford Crowninshield	-	-	-	Aug. 29, 1799	June 2, 1809		"
223	Elias Grant	-	-	-	Dec. 29, 1799	Oct. 1823	52	Newburg, N. Y.
224	William Lander	-	-	-	April 24, 1800	Aug. 1837	66	Salem.
225	†James Silver	-	-	-	Aug. 28, 1800	April 18, 1817	45	New Orleans.
226	Curtis Seal	-	-	-	" "	M'ch 3, 1850	74	Boston.
227	Joshua Goodale	-	-	-	Oct. 30, 1800	Sept. 16, 1829	63	Salem.
228	Thomas Whittredge	-	-	-	" "	Feb. 17, 1848	74	"
229	Timothy Ropes	-	-	-	" "	Feb. 10, 1810	50	Wilmington, N. C.
230	Daniel Procter	-	-	-	M'ch 26, 1801	Sept. 22, 1822	58	"
231	Jacob Sanderson	-	-	-	April 30, 1801	July 21, 1847	74	"
232	William Appleton	-	-	-	" "	Nov. 9, 1829	76	"
233	Joseph Knapp	-	-	-	" "	Nov. 22, 1836	67	"
234	John Green	-	-	-	May 28, 1801	May 1813	45	Boston.
235	†Christopher Babbage	-	-	-	" "	Jan. 22, 1840	71	Salem.
236	Samuel Archer, 3d,	-	-	-	June 25, 1801	Aug. 5, 1804		At sea.
237	†Nehemiah Adams	-	-	-	July 30, 1801	Sept. 11, 1811		"
238	Daniel Rust	-	-	-	Oct. 30, 1801	May 11, 1811	43	Salem.
239	Benjamin Beckford	-	-	-	Dec. 30, 1801	April 15, 1821	51	"
240	Samuel Peters	-	-	-	July 30, 1801	Jan. 1, 1828	75	"
241	John Foster	-	-	-	Aug. 27, 1801			R. W.
242	Benjamin Watkins	-	-	-				

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243	William Chever	Sept. 24, 1801	Nov. 30, 1807	78	Calcutta.
244	Joseph Winn	" "	Nov. 3, 1839	33	Salem.
245	Nathaniel Brown	M'ch 26, 1801	April 9, 1805	77	St. Sunda.
246	†William Silver	July 30, 1801	Jan. 9, 1838	78	Salem.
247	†Peter Frye	Aug. 29, 1801	July 6, 1839	46	"
248	Moses Wallace	Oct. 20, 1801	Jan. 8, 1814	73	"
249	Elijah Sanderson	Nov. 26, 1801	Feb. 10, 1825	89	R. W.
250	Thomas Phippen	" "	Dec., 1839	75	"
251	Jeremiah Putnam	July 29, 1801	Mar. 16, 1845	26	Danvers.
252	†William Pinder	Oct. 29, 1801	Nov. 10, 1806	72	Beverly.
253	Stephen Field	July 30, 1801	Jan. 15, 1844	37	Salem.
254	Jonathan Beekford	Feb. 25, 1802	July 7, 1807	92½	At sea.
255	Samuel Cook, (Master)	July 30, 1802	Dec. 10, 1861	90	Salem. W. 1812.
256	†Stephen Low	April 29, 1802	Nov. 5, 1820	55	Lost at sea.
257	Josiah Austin	May 27, 1802	Nov. 5, 1825	34	Salem.
258	John Hancock Andrews	April 29, 1802	Aug. 7, 1832	34	At sea.
259	Edmund Johnson	June 29, 1802	July, 1811	76	Salem.
260	Nathaniel Kinsman	April 29, 1802	Nov. 18, 1808	36	Milford, N. H.
261	William Ramsdell	Nov. 25, 1802	July 12, 1842	70	Gut of Canso.
262	Samuel Gardner Mackey	" "	June 3, 1805	38	Salem.
263	†William Ropes	Dec. 30, 1803	Mar. 30, 1818	50	Batavia.
264	David Tucker	Feb. 29, 1803	Jan. 24, 1805	72	Cape Good Hope.
265	George Taylor	Dec. 30, 1803	Jan. 15, 1819	72	Salem.
266	Jonathan Skerry	July 28, 1803	April 20, 1828	85	Beverly.
267	†Jonathan H. Lovett	Jan. 30, 1803	Mar. 20, 1844	72	Salem.
268	Hezekiah Flint	Oct. 29, 1803	Sept. 23, 1818	85	Danvers.
269	†Benjamin Jacobs	April 29, 1803	Sept. 10, 1860	45	Andover.
270	†Benjamin Swett	Nov. 24, 1803	Mar. 28, 1820	81	Salem.
271	John Francis	" "	Feb. 28, 1833		

272	Samuel Goodrich	-	-	-	Mar. 29, 1820	72	Beverly.
273	+William B. Parker	-	-	-	May 1, 1844	72	Salem.
274	+Isaac Kilham	-	-	-	Mar. 8, 1840	68	Beverly.
275	+Benjamin Pierce	-	-	-	July 26, 1831	53	Cambridge.
276	Solomon Giddings	-	-	-	Jan. 30, 1834	37	Africa.
277	David Nichols	-	-	-	May 5, 1810	73	At sea.
278	+Benjamin Ropes	-	-	-	July 29, 1845	73	Salem. W. 1812.
279	John Searl, Jr.,	-	-	-	Aug. 11, 1807	70	At sea.
280	Richard Smith	-	-	-	July 24, 1824	71	Norfolk, Va.
281	Thomas West	-	-	-	Jan. 24, 1849	46	Salem. W. 1812.
282	Jacob Berry	-	-	-	Feb., 1812	55	"
283	+John Peabody	-	-	-	Jan. 18, 1840	65	St. Jago, Cuba. W. 1812.
284	William Haskell	-	-	-	April 25, 1833	35	Lost at sea.
285	Benjamin Babbage	-	-	-	Jan. 18, 1810	60	Jamaica, L. I.
286	Samuel King	-	-	-	Nov. 12, 1826	40	Salem.
287	James Derby	-	-	-	Feb. 4, 1814	29	"
288	John R. Dalling	-	-	-	March 3, 1808	77	New York.
289	Edward Barnard	-	-	-	Dec. 12, 1858	75	"
290	+Ezra Smith	-	-	-	Oct. 10, 1842	56	Salem.
291	+Henry Gray	-	-	-	Dec. 1, 1854	55	"
292	H. H. Webster	-	-	-	Prev. to 1830	67	W. 1812, sch. Montgom-
293	Samuel Page	-	-	-	Feb. 1, 1834	44	Beverly.
294	William Low	-	-	-	June, 1822	82	"
295	Benjamin Upton, (Master)	-	-	-	Nov. 4, 1853	28	Salem.
296	William Leach, Jr.,	-	-	-	Nov., 1824	63	Lost at sea.
297	+Mark Woodbury	-	-	-	Feb., 1847	50	Salem.
298	John Felt	-	-	-	April 3, 1811	72	"
299	Moses Yell	-	-	-	Jan. 1, 1814	86	"
300	Henry King	-	-	-	April 29, 1834	82	"
301	+William Messervey	-	-	-	Aug. 11, 1852	67	"
302	Joseph Noble	-	-	-	April 29, 1862	82	"
303	Philip P. Pinel	-	-	-	Nov. 21, 1864	82	"
304	Samuel Kennedy	-	-	-	July 12, 1851	67	"

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305	†James C. King	July 27, 1815	January, 1831	46	Jamaica, L. I. W. 1812.
306	William Calley	Sept. 28, 1815	Feb., 1824	36	Salem. W. 1812.
307	Jonathan P. Felt	May 30, 1816	Oct. 22, 1860	75	"
308	Nathaniel Bowditch	Feb. 27, 1817	Mar. 16, 1838	65	Boston. L. L. D.
309	Joseph Waters	"	Feb. 7, 1833	77	Salem. R. W., Fr. & 1812.
310	Willard Peele, (Master)	"	June 13, 1835	63	"
311	Pickering Dodge	"	Aug. 16, 1833	55	"
312	Edward Symes Lang	M'ch 27, 1817	Feb. 12, 1833	63	"
313	William Osgood	May 29, 1817	April, 1834	49	"
314	Nathan Endicott	Nov. 27, 1817	Aug. 30, 1857	67	W. 1812.
315	John Forrester	Dec. 25, 1817	Jan. 25, 1837	55	"
316	†Gideon Tucker	Jan. 29, 1818	Feb. 18, 1861	83	"
317	William Brown	Sept. 25, 1818	Aug. 24, 1833	47	At sea.
318	Aaron Wait	July 30, 1818	Mar. 24, 1833	88	Salem. R. W.
319	Robert W. Gould	Jan. 28, 1819	April 21, 1873	89	"
320	Benjamin Dodge	Feb. 25, 1819	Oct. 24, 1857	76	Lynn.
321	Samuel Dudley Tucker	M'ch 27, 1819	Oct. 24, 1857	76	Salem.
322	Charles Hart	M'ch 30, 1820	October, 1829		Killed by pirates, W. I.
323	George Gregerson	"	1868		Roxbury.
324	Nathan Cook	May 25, 1820	Feb. 27, 1827	43	At sea. W. 1812.
325	Jones Very	Sept. 28, 1821	Dec. 22, 1834	35	Salem.
326	†Solomon Towne	Jan. 25, 1821	June 5, 1835		Sumatra. [sack and Hellen.
327	John Upton	June 28, 1821	July 29, 1824	35	Batavia. W. 1812, schs. Cos-
328	Nathaniel Page	Sept. 27, 1821	Oct. 9, 1823	41	Rotterdam. W. 1812.
329	James Harvey	Sept. 30, 1824	Oct. 8, 1838	60	Boston. W. 1812. D. P.
330	Benjamin Chapman	"	Jan. 2, 1853	73	Salem. W. 1812.
331	Josiah Dewing	April 27, 1826	Feb. 1, 1866	85	"
332	Dudley L. Pickman	May 25, 1826	Nov. 4, 1846	67	"
333	Samuel Groce	Sept. 29, 1826	June 10, 1855	71	Needham. W. 1812.

334	Charles Parker	-	-	-	May 29, 1828	June 9, 1838	53	Salem.
335	David Pingree	-	-	-	" "	M'ch 31, 1863	67	"
336	Thomas P. Pingree	-	-	-	June 26, 1828	Dec. 29, 1864	61	Wenham.
337	Jesse Potter	-	-	-	" "	Aug. 28, 1829	40	Lost on English coast.
338	Stephen C. Phillips	-	-	-	" "	June 25, 1857	56	Drowned, St. Lawrence River.
339	John Hodges	-	-	-	" "			
340	Thomas Bowditch	-	-	-	May 28, 1829	Feb. 19, 1841	49	Chelsea. W. 1812.
341	†Benjamin Sands	-	-	-	" "	Disch'd 1837		
342	John Marshall	-	-	-	" "	Feb. 15, 1850	57	Salem. W. 1812.
343	John Bertram	-	-	-	Oct. 29, 1829			
344	Samuel Varney	-	-	-	Dec. 31, 1829			
345	Samuel Brooks	-	-	-	Feb. 25, 1830			
346	Thomas P. Chase (Cloutman)	-	-	-	" "			
347	Stephen W. Shepard	-	-	-	July 31, 1830	July 18, 1844	55	Salem.
348	James Vent	-	-	-	M'ch 25, 1830	M'ch 13, 1854	70	" W. 1812.
349	John Hayman	-	-	-	Dec. 31, 1830	Dec. 26, 1856	65	" "
350	Nathaniel Weston	-	-	-	Sept. 30, 1830	M'ch 3, 1833	52	Rio Janeiro. W. 1812.
351	†Nathaniel Putnam	-	-	-	" "	Sept. 5, 1869	84	Salem. W. 1812. D. P.
352	Richard Wheatland	-	-	-	Dec. 30, 1830	Nov. 6, 1868	76	" "
353	Caleb Oakes	-	-	-	" "	May 28, 1835		Danvers.
354	John Dwyer (Master)	-	-	-	Jan. 27, 1831	Feb. 5, 1867	81	Salem.
355	John F. Andrews	-	-	-	June 30, 1831	Sept. 26, 1870	67	Danversport.
356	John G. Waters	-	-	-	Sept. 29, 1831	Dec. 26, 1847	66	Salem.
357	Francis Peabody	-	-	-	Dec. 30, 1831	May 2, 1860	42	"
358	Nathan Smith	-	-	-	May 31, 1832	Oct. 31, 1867	64	"
359	John P. Andrews	-	-	-	June 27, 1833	Nov. 15, 1847	65	"
360	Thomas C. Whitredge	-	-	-	July 25, 1833		51	Africa.
361	Joseph Felt	-	-	-	Aug. 29, 1833	Jan. 26, 1854	54	Salem.
362	William R. Herron	-	-	-	Dec. 26, 1833	May 2, 1856	79	W. 1812.
363	James Emmerton	-	-	-	Nov. 28, 1833			
364	Edward Gale	-	-	-	Dec. 26, 1833	June 7, 1835	48	Mozambique Channel.
365	Josiah Spalding	-	-	-	June 24, 1833	" "	38	Lost at sea.
366	Jereniah Page	-	-	-	Dec. 26, 1833	April 5, 1868	70	Salem.
						Dec. 6, 1867	71	" W. 1812.

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367	Thomas Perkins	Dec. 26, 1833	M'ch 22, 1855	60	Danvers.
368	Joseph Rider	"	April 16, 1868	86	Salem. W. 1812, ship
369	Holten J. Breed	"	April 16, 1850	66	" [Turk. Grand
370	Peter E. Webster	"	May 2, 1839	36	"
371	Jeremiah Smith	Jan. 30, 1834			
372	John Madison	Jan. 29, 1835	Dec. 15, 1868	66	Boston, accident.
373	Joseph H. Millett	Sept. 25, 1835	June 25, 1862	68	Taunton.
374	John Francis	Aug. 28, 1835	Oct. 24, 1868	68	Salem.
375	Charles Mansfield	June 25, 1835	Sept. 12, 1867	63	St. Louis.
376	George W. Jenks	Sept. 24, 1835	April 2, 1872	75	Salem.
377	Chaplin Conway	Oct. 29, 1835	Dec. 1836	72	Pernambuco. W. 1812.
378	Samuel Smith	Nov. 26, 1835			
379	Charles Roundy	Jan. 28, 1836	M'ch 30, 1864	70	Danvers.
380	Henry Johnson	"	Sept. 5, 1868	75	Salem.
381	Allen Putman, (Master)	"	May 4, 1857	67	W. 1812, ship America.
382	James W. Chever	Feb. 25, 1836			
383	John Fiske Allen	"			
384	William Sutton	"			
385	Charles F. Wilkins	Jan. 28, 1836	Aug. 26, 1836	33	Killed at Sumatra.
386	George Peirce	May 26, 1836	June 17, 1858	49	China India.
387	Joseph Hardy Millett, Jr.,	Dec. 31, 1836	Aug. 1, 1836	31	Mocha.
388	James Upton	Aug. 25, 1836			
389	Nathaniel Brown	Nov. 24, 1836	April 27, 1866	66	Salem.
390	Thomas Farless	"	Aug. 22, 1864	77	W. 1812.
391	Samuel Barton	Dec. 29, 1836	Feb. 1, 1840	35	"
392	Samuel Benson	"	April 1, 1862	73	W. 1812.
393	Henry Archer	Jan. 26, 1837	M'ch 28, 1848	58	"
394	William D. Waters	"			
395	Benjamin Creamer	Feb. 23, 1837	May 21, 1854	60	Salem. W. 1812.

396	James B. Briggs -	Oct. 26, 1837	Dec. 3, 1857	67	Salem. W. 1812.
397	Gilbert G. Newhall -	Dec. 28, 1837	Dec. 8, 1863	62	"
398	William H. Foster -	Jan. 28, 1838			
399	Edward Stanley -	"	Jan. 16, 1849	72	Salem. W. 1812.
400	Thomas Downing -	Feb. 22, 1838	Jan. 27, 1859	58	"
401	Samuel Webb -	M'ch 28, 1838	April 5, 1865	80	W. 1812.
402	Henry Grant -	"	Nov. 16, 1843	57	New Orleans.
403	Edmund Upton -	May 31, 1838	Sept. 21, 1860	62	Salem.
404	James Dailey -	Sept. 26, 1838	April 1, 1867	54	Salem.
405	John B. Silsbee -	Oct. 26, 1838	April 4, 1848	46	At sea.
406	Richard S. Noble -	Nov. 29, 1838	June 8, 1846	48	Salem.
407	John B. Knight -	Feb. 20, 1839			
408	Benjamin Webb -	M'ch 25, 1839			
409	John B. Fiske -	Aug. 31, 1839			
410	Nathaniel B. Mansfield -	Jan. 4, 1840	Sept. 28, 1863	68	Salem. W. 1812.
411	John C. Huffington -	"	July 15, 1860	55	Brooklyn, N. Y.
412	Joseph Webb -	"	July 26, 1846	44	Pulo Penang.
413	Henry Towne -	April 20, 1840	July 27, 1854	46	Mozambique.
414	Nathan A. Frye -	June 26, 1840	Jan. 5, 1868	52	Salem.
415	James Buffington -	Jan. 4, 1841			
416	Joshua Kinsman -	Jan. 5, 1841	Aug. 4, 1841	40	At sea.
417	Joseph Chever -	Feb. 26, 1841	Aug. 1858	51	Lost at sea.
418	Edward Harrington -	Jan. 6, 1842	Aug. 31, 1844	32	Africa.
419	Charles H. Allen -	M'ch 3, 1842			
420	John H. Eagleston -	June 30, 1842			
421	Thomas D. Brace -	Oct. 5, 1842	Jan. 7, 1867	63	California.
422	Charles F. Williams -	Feb. 24, 1843	June 2, 1865	58	Salem.
423	Charles W. Farrington -	"	Aug. 11, 1869	59	"
424	Charles D. Mugford -	April 4, 1843	July 8, 1868	59	"
425	Nicholas T. Snell -	June 10, 1843			
426	James S. Kimball -	Oct. 31, 1843			
427	Robert Stone -	Jan. 30, 1844	Sept. 21, 1860	85	Salem.
428	George Dean -	Feb. 6, 1844	Dec., 1845	29	Lost on George's Shoal.

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429	Augustine S. Perkins -	Feb. 28, 1844			
430	Nathaniel Andrews -	June 1, 1844	January, 1864	51	Foundered at sea.
431	William Hunt -	July 5, 1844			
432	Henry P. Upton -	Aug. 19, 1844			
433	George Savory -	"			
434	James B. King -	Jan. 31, 1845	May 27, 1865	56	Salem.
435	Jonathan Shepard -	April 28, 1845			
436	John E. A. Todd -	Oct. 31, 1845	Dec. 21, 1863	73	Salem. W. 1812.
437	Thomas Trask -	Nov. 8, 1845			
438	Richard H. Yarrington -	Nov. 11, 1845			
439	George E. Bailey -	Dec. 1, 1845	May 10, 1871	71	Salem.
440	Edward D. Winn -	Feb. 26, 1846	May 15, 1857	49	"
441	William B. Bates -	"			
442	William B. Smith -	"			W. 1812. D. P.
443	Luther Upton -	M'ch 2, 1846			
444	George Upton -	May 1, 1846			
445	James B. Creamer -	May 8, 1846	Oct. 13, 1854	33	California.
446	John F. Webb -	July 9, 1846	Oct. 21, 1861	51	Southampton, England.
447	Michael Lord -	Sept. 23, 1846			
448	Andrew Ward -	Oct. 12, 1846	Aug. 2, 1860	67	Salem. W. 1812.
449	John D. Clark -	Feb. 25, 1847			
450	John J. Scobie -	July 5, 1847	1857	49	Lost at sea.
451	Samuel R. Curwen -	Dec. 1, 1848	Nov. 11, 1870	50	Salem.
452	Benjamin A. West -	"			
453	George West -	Jan. 1, 1849	June 24, 1852	42	Salem.
454	James B. Curwen -	Jan. 27, 1849			
455	Joseph R. Franks -	Mar. 24, 1849	July 30, 1852	42	Africa.
456	Elbridge G. Kimball -	April 27, 1849	July 5, 1849	32	Salem.
457	George N. Ropes -	"	Sept. 1, 1865	43	"

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491	†Robert H. Waters	Dec. 5, 1854			
492	Henry F. Shepard	Dec. 16, 1854			
493	Stephen Cloutman	Mar. 3, 1855			
494	Edward Weston	June 1, 1855	Mar. 25, 1863	38	Salem.
495	Samuel V. Shreve	Oct. 26, 1855	July 11, 1870	66	"
496	James Fairfield	"			
497	George Ropes	Mar. 26, 1855			
498	John F. Dwyer	June 26, 1855	July 28, 1861	33	Murdered on shipboard.
499	William McMullen	"	Feb. 12, 1862	38	Salem.
500	Alfred Peabody	Oct. 30, 1856			
501	William Pousland	"	April 18, 1872	64	Salem.
502	Henry Gardner	"			
503	William H. Clough	April 30, 1857	July 27, 1870	55	Salem.
504	Samuel Hutchinson, Jr.,	Aug. 27, 1857			
505	Joseph Rowell	Oct. 29, 1857			
506	Nathaniel J. Kinsman	June 28, 1857	1867	36	Lost, China Sea.
507	Andrew A. Ward	"	Oct. 11, 1865	38	Salem. Served in Reb. 1860-5.
508	John H. Downing	July 28, 1859			
509	John Day	Oct. 27, 1859	Mar. 3, 1869	80	Roxbury. W. 1812.
510	Thomas Holmes	Nov. 26, 1859	April 27, 1864	83	Salem.
511	Peter Silver	"			
512	James Gilbert	June 28, 1860			
513	Joseph H. M. Bertram	Dec. 10, 1860			
514	Stephen Upton	Dec. 26, 1860			
515	Samuel Hill	June 18, 1861			
516	Laman Pierson Ward	"			
517	John W. Goodrich	Nov. 5, 1861	April 2, 1871	36	China Sea.
518	Lewis F. Miller	"	Aug. 7, 1864	51	Africa.
519	Ripley Ropes	"			

	Aaron W. Berry	-	-	-	Nov. 5, 1861	April 7, 1865	Melrose.
520	James B. Endicott	-	-	-	Sept 25, " "	Nov. 5, 1870	Hong Kong, China.
521	James P. Cook	-	-	-	" "		
522	Simon Stodder	-	-	-	May 28, 1863		
523	Henry W. Peabody	-	-	-	Dec. 31, 1863		
524	Thomas Kimball	-	-	-	Dec. 28, 1865		
525	Henry Gardner, Jr., (Not confirmed.)	-	-	-	Jan. 26, 1866		
526	John Webster	-	-	-	Dec. 29, 1866		
527	Nathan A. Batchelder	-	-	-	Oct. 31, 1867		
528	John Kerrivan	-	-	-	Jan. 2, 1868		
529	William H. Hathorne	-	-	-	April 3, 1868		
530	George B. Abbott	-	-	-	May 16, 1868		
531	Ezra F. Newhall	-	-	-	Nov. 3, 1868		
532	Samuel Endicott Peabody	-	-	-	" "		
533	William George Webb	-	-	-	" "		
534	John Swasey	-	-	-	" "		
535	Francis C. Butman	-	-	-	Nov. 26, 1869		
536	George H. Allen	-	-	-	Nov. 29, 1869		
537	Edward D. Ropes	-	-	-	Dec. 1, 1869		
538	John C. Pond	-	-	-	May 31, 1870		
539	Thomas Fuller	-	-	-	July 5, 1870		
540	Theodore A. Neal	-	-	-	July 15, 1870		
541	David A. Roberts	-	-	-	Sept. 10, 1870		
542	Nathaniel Weston	-	-	-	Oct. 28, 1870		
543	Benjamin P. Lacraw	-	-	-	Nov. 10, 1870		
544	Benjamin Hutchinson	-	-	-	Nov. 25, 1870		
545	Oswald Miller	-	-	-	" "		
546	Paul Upton	-	-	-	Sept. 17, 1871		
547	Charles H. Miller	-	-	-	Oct. 30, 1871		
548	Thomas P. Pingree	-	-	-	" "		
549	David Pingree	-	-	-	" "		
550	Victor F. Debaker	-	-	-	Jan. 15, 1872		

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553	James S. Williams	Sept. 29, 1872			
554	Francis R. Webb	Sept. 29, 1872			
555	William A. Peterson	Mar. 5, 1873			
556	George R. Emmerton	April 26, 1873			
557	Henry O. Roberts	May 7, 1873			



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